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School Committee Seeks Help From Council To Alleviate Deficiency In EEOG Funding

Members of the Agawam School Committee have unanimously voted to seek relief and support from Town Council on a projected \$216,000 deficit in the education budget due to money jeopardized by a cut in the state's Equal Education Opportunity Grant.

On the recommendation of School Superintendent James V. Bruno, Jr., and Associate Superintendent Donald Charest, School Committee members unanimously agreed that the council should take "appropriate steps" if this shortfall is not disbursed to the community by the state by the end of the 1988-89 fiscal year.

The School Department learned this summer following passage of the town budget that the state needed to cut into the EEOG in order to balance its own budget.

Bruno and Charest, taking a conservative approach to the situation, immediately froze \$247,000 in spending until the state issued assurances that the EEOG funds would be reimbursed.

According to Bruno, he has received assurances from state officials concerning the funding. Bruno told committee members Tuesday night that the funds would be returned to the town no earlier than January and not later than July 1st, 1989, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

According to the state guidelines being used to deal with the \$29 million in EEOG funds cut by Governor

Michael Dukakis in order to assist in balancing the state budget, the School Department will still be about \$30,000 in the red.

During its budget deliberations, members of the council asked the town administration to restore \$45,000 of a \$90,000 cut recommended in the school budget by Town Manager Reid S. Charles.

Several councilors indicated they would support a move to restore the remaining \$45,000 to the school budget at a later date.

It has been reported that the cut in the EEOG fund left the School Department in a bind over the summer in several areas, including assignment of personnel.

Agawam had received \$875,569 in EEOG money for fiscal 1989, an actual increase of \$246,802 from fiscal 1987-88.

The cut in order to help the state administration balance its fiscal budget in short returned the School Department to last year's level of EEOG funding.

According to state statistics, the town still spends \$826 less than the state average of \$2,296 for per pupil spending, and the EEOG funds were designed to assist cities and towns to bring per pupil spending in communities across the state up to 85 percent of the state average.

The state has recommended that in order to take steps to supplement their budgets in case of a shortfall, short-term borrowing or bonding might be considered.

Morassi Resigns As Asso. Town Solicitor; Hits Town Manager

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Richard C. Morassi has resigned as Associate Town Solicitor, stating in a blistering letter to Agawam Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita, members of Town Council, and Charles, that he (Morassi) was "no longer able to serve in the town's Law Department with the responsibility of ultimately answering to (Town Manager) Reid S. Charles."

Charles was suspended on a 7-3 vote of the council this past Tuesday night, with pay.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault read Morassi's letter into the record at Tuesday night's meeting before debate on Charles' suspension began.

The letter, dated August 31st, indicated that the resignation was effective immediately.

Morassi cited a long-term professional relationship with the Town of Agawam, noting that he has worked on and off since 1974 in the town's Law Department, "under every town manager Agawam has ever had."

Morassi stated, "I strongly feel the Town Manager (Charles) should resign his position, or if he chooses not to do so that he be removed by the Town Council."

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After 7-3 Council Vote...

Charles Gets Suspended

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

With a 7-3 vote, Agawam Town Council has suspended Town Manager Reid S. Charles from his \$52,000 a year post, following tense and blistering criticism of Charles' job performance that covered 14 areas during his stewardship that began in May 1985.

Charles' executive assistant, Linda Mundo, was appointed as acting town manager immediately following the vote.

Councilor Frederick Nardi attempted to charter object both the suspension of Charles and the appointment of Ms. Mundo as acting town manager, but Town Council President Donald M. Rheault refused to allow the parliamentary move which would have delayed the vote.

The suspension follows what the majority of the council cited as a decline in administrative effectiveness which has had a strong negative impact on the town. Charles' performance evaluation cited "inefficiency, mismanagement, and conduct unbecoming a town manager," and follows eight days after a special council meeting called for August 29th to expressly deal with Charles' performance while in office.

With Councilors Frederick Nardi, Benjamin Lockhart, and Jessie D. Fuller dissenting, Charles was suspended for a term not to exceed 45 days with pay by a majority vote of councilors, who included Philip DeForge, Paul Fieldstad, Edward G. Borgatti, David Skolnick, Christopher Johnson, John Negrucci, and Rheault.

Councilor Edward A. Caba, who was fired back in

1984 as town manager, abstained pending a ruling from counsel. Caba said at last Thursday night's special council meeting that the State Ethics Commission indicated that he might be putting himself in a conflict of interest by voting on the issue.

The action taken was a preliminary resolution that was amended and approved after Charles declined to publicly respond to any of the charges and/or criticisms leveled at his job performance.

"I am not ready to discuss the evaluation," Charles stated when asked for his response to his performance evaluation. "I have not had adequate time to prepare," he concluded.

Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita noted that neither Charles nor his attorney, Anthony Antonucci of Huntington, requested a continuation of the proceedings, and they declined to comment on the charges.

Councilor Christopher Johnson supported Bonavita's statement, adding that "eight days was long enough (for Charles) to prepare."

According to the Town Charter, Charles may request within the next five days a public hearing on his suspension. Such a hearing would have to be scheduled within 20 to 30 days of his request.

That hearing would be followed by a final council vote and then a second vote of affirmation within ten days or the suspension is nullified. The second vote of affirmation is the one that would terminate Charles' stewardship here.

Reasons used to suspend Charles included:

1) Inefficiency, mismanagement, and conduct unbecoming a town manager.

2) Improper conduct regarding the cashing of personal checks in the Town Treasurer's Office. (Charles was charged with bouncing three personal checks over several months, and that a fourth personal check, for which he received \$250 from the Town Treasurer's Office, was held for five days at Town Hall on Charles' request.

3) Failure to efficiently bill and collect real estate taxes in a proper and timely manner.

According to Councilor Paul Fieldstad, Data Processing Manager Frederick Messier warned Charles about issuing tax bills. Fieldstad said there were 551 unmatched bills that were erroneously issued.

"Don't send out the tax bills with problems and say you'll take care of it later," Fieldstad commented. Tax bills were finally issued some five months late due in part to a long-delayed revaluation process.

4) Unprofessional hiring procedures concerning the latest town assessor.

5) Failure to fully execute and carry-out the unanimous will of Town Council with regards to the transfer of county land.

6) Failure to communicate with Town Council regarding the use of credit cards.

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"As Associate Town Counsel, I feel it not appropriate to state my views publicly in this regard," his statement continues. "However, because of the gravity of the situation I feel it necessary to resign in order to state publicly for the record that I do feel Mr. Charles is not acting in the best interests of the Town of Agawam and has been doing so for some time."

Morassi added that he would have not have resigned if he did not feel assured that Bonavita could adequately "protect the interests" of the town.

Morassi said he will follow through with cases on which he is presently involved.

"I would not be resigning my position if I did not believe the seriousness of the situation requires me to do so," he concluded in his letter.

Agawam Police Explorers Set First Meeting September 21st

The Agawam Police Explorers will hold their first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam Police Department headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. New members are invited to attend this meeting.

The Post is coed and anyone between 14 and 19 years-old is invited to join if they have an interest in law enforcement as a career.

We have a diversified program which includes first aid, radio dispatching, fingerprinting, photography, criminal law, use of firearms, etc. If this is something you think you might be interested in, please contact Sergeant Donald Loncto or Lieutenant Robert Campbell at police headquarters, 786-4767.

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BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, September 14, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of RESOURCE CONTROL INC. who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20-51 (c) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a Sewage Sludge Compost Facility adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant on the premises identified as ROUTE 5 (BOND'S ISLAND).

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere
Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE**Veterans Administration Starts National Survey**

The Veterans Administration has begun a nationwide survey of disabled veterans to gather information on their needs and to assist the VA in determining how it can better serve veterans with service-connected disabilities.

The Arawak Consulting Corporation, Rosslyn, Virginia, which is doing the survey for the VA under a \$1.5 million contract, will conduct in-depth interviews with 10,000 men and women veterans over the next six months. The survey's participants were selected at random and will be contacted directly. A final report of the results is expected to be available by the middle of next year.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Thomas K. Turnage is urging all veterans contacted to participate in the study. Said Turnage, "Their cooperation will ensure an accurate and unbiased report on the attitudes and experiences of disabled veterans and will be invaluable in helping VA plan for their future needs." In a letter sent to each veteran selected, Turnage noted that their participation is voluntary and that the confidentiality of all responses will be maintained.

Q. I receive education benefits from the VA. Can I set up a direct deposit of those checks?

A. No. Only compensation and pension benefits can be directly deposited to a personal bank account.

Q. Are common-law marriages recognized by the VA?

A. Yes, in a state that recognized common-law marriages at the time the relationship was established.

Q. My ex-husband says I am the beneficiary of his National Service Life Insurance policy. Can I verify this?

A. Verification is possible only with the husband's permission in writing. This does not preclude a change in beneficiaries at a later date.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, Wednesday, September 28, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of PAUL AND MARLIES JENNEY who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 21 (c) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of a residence as an office for two businesses to be located on the premises identified as 317 SOUTHWICK STREET.

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Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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7) Irresponsible conduct in making an offer to the City of Springfield to bury incinerator ash in the Agawam wetlands via pontoon bridge without consultation and input from the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, or Town Council.

8) Improper conduct with regards to the Oaks Inn and the handling of its request for a liquor license.

9) Failure to properly disclose the financial arrangement made with the consultants who replaced the town planner (Deborah Dachos) when she was on maternity leave.

10) Failure to properly supervise town labor negotiations.

11) Failure to assist the Board of Health in its responsibilities to protect the town's interest concerning the incinerator.

12) A general lack of confidence in the town manager's ability to properly administer his duties to the council's expectations.

13) Improper procedures for payment of former Town Solicitor Ralph Atkins' legal bills.

14) Town Councilors feel it is in the best interest of the Town of Agawam that a change in leadership be affected at this time.

Rheault again stated for the record his initial satisfaction with Charles during his (Charles') first 12-18 months in office, but noted that his confidence in Charles' leadership has eroded during the past year due to many of the aforementioned reasons.

Charles declined to comment on his suspension.

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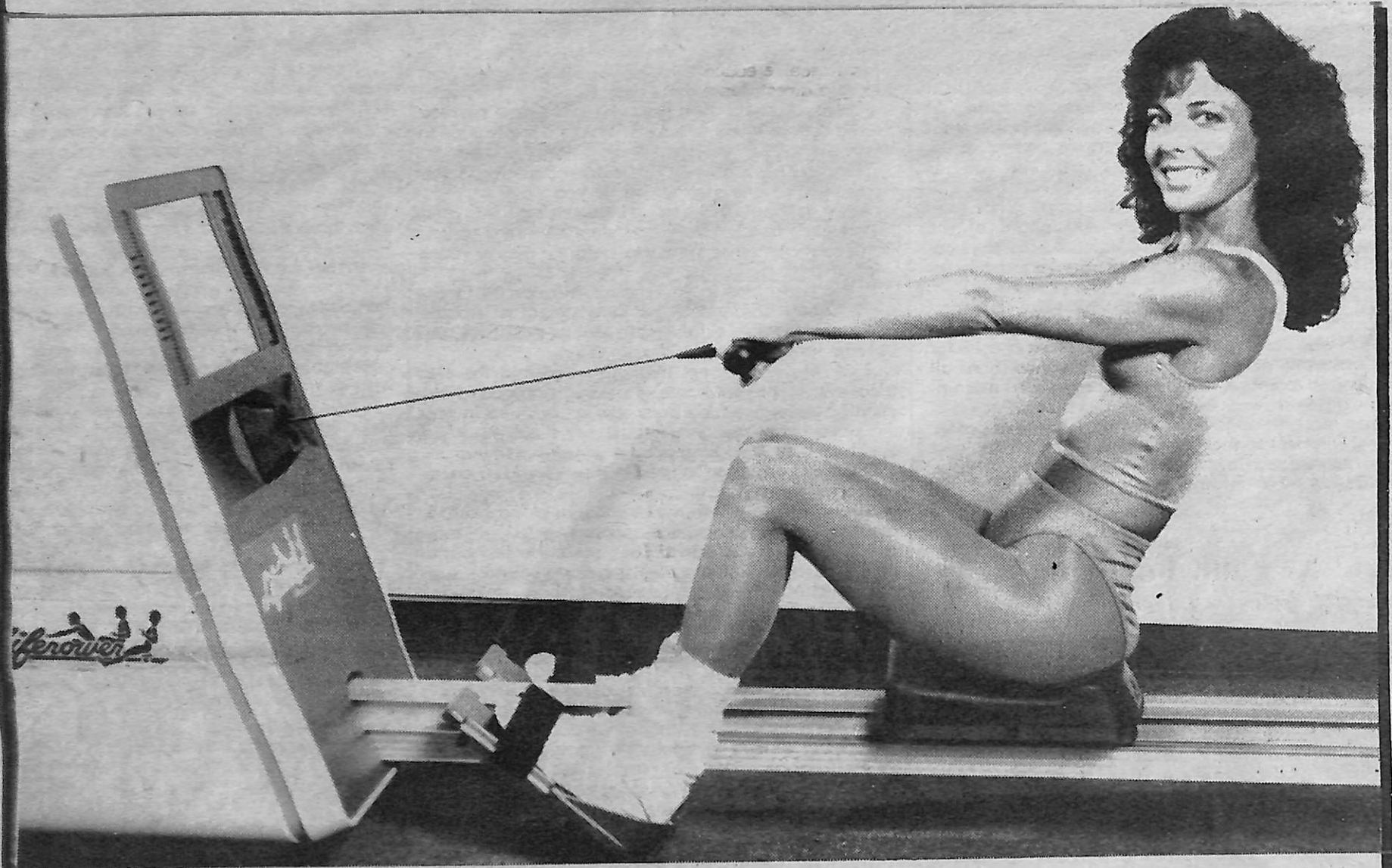
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Editorial

LETTERS
to
the
EDITOR

Let's Push More Academics

To The Editor:

With the new school year about to get underway, I am reminded of an article which appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News* at the end of June. It was entitled "Fourth Graders Praised for Move-Up Day." It covered the ceremonies held at Granger School on June 21st.

Move-Up Day is likened to graduation for the fourth graders moving on to the Middle School. Yet, the first order of business was the recognition of underclassmen for winning coloring and poster contests. Next, recognition was given for perfect attendance to the fourth graders as well as to underclassmen.

Awards were then presented to the fourth grade safety patrol students by Sergeant Al Longhi of the Agawam Police Department. Then came the physical fitness awards presented by the physical education instructor.

Last on the agenda were the achievement certificates for the Project S.E.E. enrichment program. The students who participate in this program are chosen for their academic achievements, and they work hard all year long to maintain excellent grades as well as complete extra homework assignments, projects, etc.

When recognition is given first to coloring & poster contest winners, perfect attendance, safety patrol, and physical education, where does that leave ACADEMIA??? What does it tell our students?

Barbara Markowski
Feeding Hills

State At Fault For Land

To The Editor:

For the past several weeks the residents of Agawam have been treated to the spectacle of local politicians scurrying for cover. Our town "leaders" have all sought shelter in the wake of the incredible legislative fiasco which has cost this town more than 100 acres of quality real estate. Town Council members, Town Hall bureaucrats, and OUR State Representative have all spent much of the summer looking for a scapegoat. I feel that the time for fingerpointing has past; it is now time for heads to roll.

In my opinion, Representative Michael Walsh should resign. He must accept the ultimate responsibility for this debacle. I don't think that it is too much to ask that our state representative read a bill before he introduces it in Boston on our behalf. I don't think that it is too much to ask that he doublecheck the facts before he moves ahead. Is it too much to ask, to expect, Mr. Walsh to pay attention to minor details in proposed legislation (like 100 odd acres of real estate)?

Mr. Walsh was elected to represent the needs of this town in Boston; in this case he has failed us all. The consequences of his failure won't be known for some time, but they could be very damaging. The financial loss to the town could be staggering, but the real damage will be felt if and when we end up with a prison in our backyards.

The people of Agawam are at least entitled to competent representation; in this situation they have not gotten it.

Respectfully,
Frank J. Lawlor
19 Losito Lane
Agawam

Is Manager Another Victim?

To The Editor:

Question: Will Manager Charles be the third or fourth notch in Rheault's "gun" that has been instrumental in firing other Agawam town managers?

Question: Will Rheault be their candidate for mayor should the faction that wants a mayor for Agawam be successful in getting Agawam citizens to change our present form of government in the November election?

Question—AGAWAM CITIZENS—Won't you make the effort to look behind all the rhetoric and ask pertinent questions you need to know about before the November elections?

Sincerely Yours,
Jack Lo Monaco
Agawam

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FIRE-WISE...

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Have You Hugged Your Smoke Detector Today?

A dozen years ago few of us had heard of smoke detectors. Today, more than two-thirds of American homeowners have installed smoke detectors to help protect their families from fire. In fact, local and state laws in most areas require detectors in new or all homes.

It's smart to have smoke detectors because they really can help save lives. The Agawam Fire Department wants to remind you that the vast majority of deaths from fire happen late at night when the victims were asleep.

If they think about fire at all, most people think if there is a fire the smell of smoke will wake them and they'll get out in time. But the awful truth is that the smoke will probably kill you as you sleep—you'll never wake up. That's how smoke detectors help. They smell the smoke for you. And most detectors now cost less than a couple of movie tickets. That's a pretty good investment.

So if you have at least one smoke detector in your home, you're one step ahead. If you have only one detector, it should be installed between the living areas (where fires usually start) and sleeping areas of your home so it can sense the smoke before it gets to you as you sleep.

If the bedrooms in your house are not all in one place, each area needs its own detector. Another detector should shield the main area of the house from basements and garages, too.

If you have detectors that are wired into the electrical system of your home, it would be a good idea to install battery-operated detectors as back-up in case the power goes out. Sometimes, fire itself will knock out the power, knocking out the wired-in detector.

Once detectors are on the job, they should be checked from time to time.

About once a month, use a vacuum cleaner attachment to clean the detector's openings—dust will make the detector less effective. Then press the test button on the detector to make sure the alarm sounds.

Then check the detector's sensing ability by holding a lit cigarette or a just-blown-out, smoldering candle under the detector. Keep spare batteries on hand for replacement so you don't get caught short, and be sure to change the battery at least once a year to be safe. Your fire department can offer advice on selecting, installing, and maintaining smoke detectors.

Finally, remember that the smoke detector can wake you up, but it can't save your life singlehandedly. You have to know how to save yourself once you're awake. For advice on making a personal home escape plan, contact your fire department.

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Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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This Week's Town Eyesore



MERCHANTS ON WALNUT STREET EXTENSION asked staff photographer Jack Devine to check-out this area behind the Agawam Shopping Center that leads to Walnut Street Extension. We designate it as a "Community Eyesore." Because of the change in traffic patterns several years ago, traffic must pass directly behind these buildings to get to Walnut Street Extension, when exiting from the Agawam Shopping Center. The only other exit out of the shopping center is to go up the parking lot's hill to Springfield Street. Merchants have repeatedly complained that conditions behind the buildings are not conducive to promoting a clean business climate. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 15, 1988 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Fether, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for a proposed 6 lot subdivision located off of Main Street.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Agawam Crime Prevention... It's Back To School & Parents Should Tell Kids About Safety

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

It's that time of year again. The kids are back to school and for some they are on their own for the first time. Some will walk, some will take busses, and some will do both, but for parents the worry returns.

The trip to and from school is most important because it marks a time when children will experience life without mom and dad behind them. What they are told prior to leaving, and how it is explained, will go a long way in alleviating their fears as well as those of the parents.

If there is one important thing to remember, it is that we must advise and educate the children without stirring unnecessary fears within them. Depending on age, the kids will have different conceptions and misconceptions about the world and people around them. Television, peers, teachers, and police will all contribute to this learning experience. Make no mistake, however; mom and dad will play the key role in influencing the decisions made by their children.

It is for this reason that time and effort must be concentrated on getting the message across, and seeing to it that the children remain safe while out of sight and away from home.

Most of what needs to be said has been heard before, but bears repeating.

1. **Explain the difference between good people** (friends and relatives) and bad people (those who would take advantage of them). They must understand that strangers are not to be approached nor should they be spoken to.

2. **The children should walk in groups**, never alone. If approached by a stranger either in a car or on foot, they should run away as quickly as possible.

3. **Candy and presents should not be accepted** from strangers, and if anyone should touch them or attempt to remove clothing, they are to run away or make as much noise as possible.

4. **Lastly, it is important to impress upon them** the necessity to tell mom and dad about any such encounters. Descriptions of vehicles and suspects involved are helpful and will assist in the police investigation, but the main thought is to get away and home to family or friends immediately. Communications must be encouraged.

One final note. Incidents involving children have a tendency to be blown-up out of proportion. If there are any questions regarding attempted abductions or the like, please don't hesitate to call your Agawam Police Department. Rumors are often unsubstantiated and ultimately cause undo concern.

Agawam Police Blotter

Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey today released the following crime statistics for week-ending Sunday, September 4th.

Crime statistics included 306 total calls answered and 23 arrests.

Other crime stats included two breaking and entering, two assault and battery, nine larcenies, eight malicious damage, 31 nuisance persons, 39 suspicious activity, 25 alarms (all false), 20 property damage due to accidents, five personal injuries due to accidents, two Fire Department assists, and 16 ambulance assists.

Also, 15 citizen assists, three disturbances, 22 disabled motor vehicles, two missing persons, seven civil disturbances, nine found property, 11 traffic complaints, seven motor vehicle tows, five insecure buildings, and 43 miscellaneous calls.

On August 29th, **James J. Andruss, Jr.**, 6 Susan Drive, Easthampton, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Keith Bopko.

On August 29th, **Raymond A. Talbot**, 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding apprehension warrant. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Richard Conlon.

On August 31st, **Alberto Martinez**, 67 Bridge Street, Apartment 22, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic violence. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Richard Conlon.

On August 31st, **Robert C. Foster**, 192 Albemarle Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the daytime. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Steven Draghetti.

On September 1st, **Michael J. Daley**, 560 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Landers and Walter Zymroz.

On September 1st, **Timothy Hawthorne**, 1083 Suffolk Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with

an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Steven Draghetti.

On September 1st, **Ronald R. Bonnoyer**, 17 Highland Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and attempted larceny. Arresting officers were Sergeant Robert Rossi, Paul Murphy, and Charlene Bushey.

On September 2nd, **Jacqueline Dean**, Riverdale Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and larceny under \$250. Arresting officers were Paul Murphy and Charlene Bushey.

On September 2nd, **Lucille Ortiz**, 42 Bliss Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Eric Camerlin and Paul Murphy.

On September 2nd, **Scott Johnson**, 27 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Charlene Bushey.

On September 2nd, **Raymond A. Talbot**, 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an apprehension warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Landers and Paul Murphy.

On September 2nd, **George Stelmach**, 37 Oxford Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault and battery and domestic violence. Arresting officers were James Lewis, Steven Draghetti, and Eric Lottermoser.

On September 3rd, **John E. Leahy**, 7C Mansion Woods, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Richard Light, Jr.

On September 4th, two juveniles were stopped, arrested and charged with using a motor vehicle without authority, and receiving stolen property. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier, Robert Marsh, and Richard Conlon.

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MEET YOUR AGAWAM POLICE...

Det. Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.
by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Prior to being appointed to the Agawam Police Department in January 1986, "Stash" worked at York Street Jail in Springfield as a guard for seven years.

After completing his academy training in Feeding Hills, he was assigned to the 1:00 to 9:00 a.m. "dogwatch" shift. He remained on that shift on patrol until June 1987 when he was appointed to the Detective Bureau, where his current assignment finds him working in the narcotics unit.

In September 1987 he received a letter of commendation from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department for his efforts in the capture of two escaped inmates from the York Street Jail.

In March 1986 he was commended for his assistance in the arrest of suspects in the break-in of Letalien Jewelers.

"Stash" has attended many schools in preparation for his law enforcement career. Among them are Northeast University, where he received his degree in Criminal Justice. Also, rape investigation school, identikit school, breathalyzer operation, crime prevention for detectives, basic fingerprinting school, advanced fingerprinting school, suicide prevention, and prevention of child abuse.

Whenever another school becomes available, "Stash" is always the first to sign-up for the course. He understands, as we all do, that the more we learn, the better equipped we are to serve the public.

Many of the schools mentioned conflict with work schedules, and consequently many hours of school are put in on the officer's own time. "Stash" never complains of the extra pressure these added hours can have on himself and his family. Speaking of family, "Stash" resides with his wife, Angela, and daughter, Kristin, in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam. Angela deserves much of the credit for "Stash's" good disposition since she keeps him well fed. She sets one of the finest dinner tables I have ever had the pleasure of sitting down and being a part of, and this woman behind the man cannot be overlooked.

"Stash's" outside interests include golfing and stock car racing. Up until last year, he could be seen every Saturday night at Riverside Park racing his number 17 stock car. The financial constraints and burdens racing presents took their toll and "A.J. Chmielewski" was forced into an early retirement.

His present assignment on the Detective Bureau finds him working all hours of the day and night. Narcotics is a difficult assignment and one which requires flexibility of hours on the officer's part. Being the son of the Police Chief (Stanley Chmielewski, Sr.) can also have its difficulties. There are expectations and pressures brought to bear that other officers simply do not have to deal with.

"Stash" is very much his own man with an attitude and personality that are assets to what will be a long and successful career.



Postmaster Walter Ciaschini

Walter Ciaschini Of West Springfield Appointed As Feeding Hills Postmaster

Walter Ciaschini of West Springfield has been appointed as postmaster of Feeding Hills Post Office by Regional Postal Director Jon Steele.

The appointment was effective July 30th.

Ciaschini began his postal career in 1964. He worked as clerk and letter carrier until promoted to supervisor in 1981.

He has held various management positions in the Postal Service, and became officer in-charge of the Feeding Hills Post Office in January 1988.

He attended Springfield Public Schools and graduated from Springfield Technical Community College. He is married to the former Shirley Myers. They have one son.

Municipal Events

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Wednesday, September 14th
Board of Appeals
Agawam Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 15th
Agawam Planning Board
Agawam Public Library
7:15 P.M.

Monday, September 19th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 21st
Board of Appeals
Administration Annex
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 27th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.

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Some Helpful Tips For Those Nearing 65

by Catherine M. Sypek
Financial Consultant
Shearson Lehman Hutton
1500 Main Street, Springfield

Ironically, the biggest payday for millions of retiring workers—the lump sum distribution from retirement, pension or profit-sharing plans—also presents their most important tax decision. How it's handled could well determine the quality of your lifestyle in the years ahead.

The funds in these various benefit plans have been growing tax-free while you were working, but the tax was only postponed until withdrawal or distribution of the funds—not forgiven. Now that you have, or are about to receive, possession of this large sum of money, you have three basic options:

•Pay Taxes Now—You may wish to take advantage of certain favorable tax rates now, and then use or reinvest the remaining balance as you wish.

•IRA Rollover—If you have no immediate need for the funds, you can deposit them in an IRA Rollover Account within 60 days of receipt of your distribution. This option will keep the full value of your retirement funds growing, while further deferring taxes.

•Partial IRA Rollover—You may also elect to roll over only part of the distribution into an IRA; however, you must pay ordinary income taxes on the amount you keep.

As is always the case in an investment decision, the option you select will depend on your own financial situation and future needs. There is no right or wrong answer, but most financial consultants agree on a few general guidelines.

If you are over age 59½ and decide you need or want to keep the entire lump sum distribution, you can select either five-year or 10-year income averaging to reduce the tax rate. Five-year averaging generally will benefit investors with distributions in excess of \$500,000, while others will probably do better with 10-year averaging.

If you were 50 before January 1st, 1986, but are under 59½ and participated in the plan for five or more years, you also can take advantage of five- or ten-year averaging due to a transitional rule in the Tax Reform Act of 1986. However, you will be subject to an additional 10 percent penalty tax (unless you are taking early retirement at age 55).

If you were under 50 before January 1st, 1986, you will pay ordinary income tax and a 10 percent penalty tax. You can avoid the penalty by rolling over your lump sum distribution.

Another general rule is that the larger the amount you receive and the longer you can afford to set the money aside, the more advantageous an IRA Rollover is likely to be. The main reason is that the full amount of your distribution will continue to grow in the tax-deferred account, and you will pay taxes only when you withdraw funds.

By comparison, if you pay taxes on the lump sum now, you will have less money to reinvest, and subsequent income earned from those investments may be subject to ordinary income tax each year.

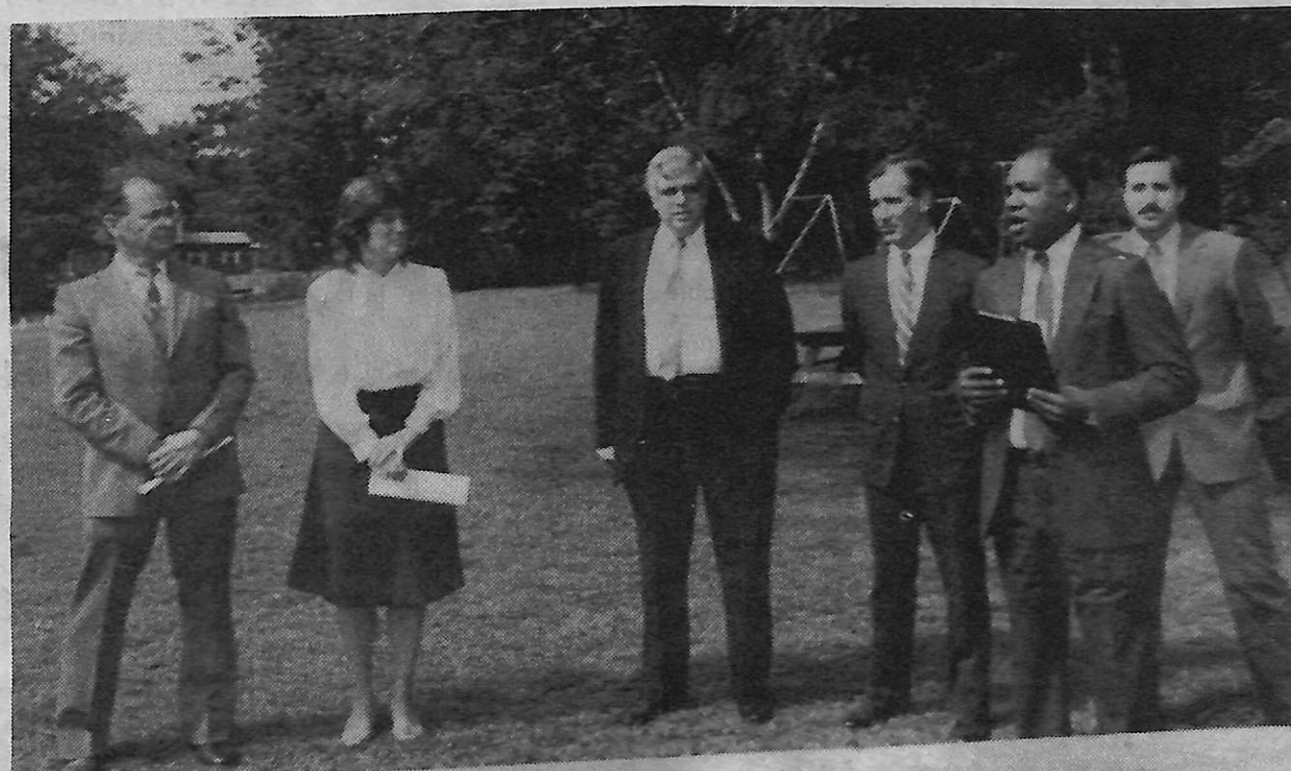
It is hardly surprising that more than two-thirds of all investors today opt for an IRA Rollover to defer taxes and keep the full amount of their retirement funds earning interest. Prior to the far-reaching Tax Reform Act of 1986, 10-year averaging was the method used by most lump sum recipients.

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Town Gets Reimbursed For Park



TOWN OFFICIALS, including Parks & Rec. Director Jack Kunasek (left) and Town Manager Reid Charles, and State Senator Linda J. Melconian and State Representative Michael P. Walsh (center), were on hand for ceremonies last week which saw the state turn over \$105,000 in reimbursement funds to the town for the purchase of the former Agawam Y property, now called Perry Lane Park. The town paid \$125,000 for the parcel. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL P. WALSH (D-Agawam, center) is pictured with Springfield Mayor Richard Neal at Perry Lane Park in Agawam last week when state officials were handing-out various payments to local cities and towns for purchases made with state support. Agawam received a check for \$105,000 for reimbursement of the \$125,000 purchase of the former Agawam Y parcel several years ago, now known as Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News

photos by Jack Devine.

FINANCIAL PLANNING - From Page 8...

The serious investor about to receive a benefit plan distribution should carefully consider all available options, such as his or her near- and long-term financial plans and needs.

Deciding how to receive your retirement funds is not an easy decision. You should gather as much information as possible to learn how you can benefit from an IRA rollover. A tax specialist can help you determine which tax formulas are most favorable for your situation.

After a lifetime of hard work to earn a comfortable retirement, it is more important now than ever to invest a little more of your time before you invest your retirement money.

Editor's note: Catherine M. Sypek is offering our readers a free booklet, "Making the Most of Your Lump Sum Distribution." To get your copy, write to her at Shearson Lehman Hutton, Inc., 1500 Main Street, P.O. Box 15689, Springfield, MA, 01115, or call 734-7311.

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Let's Talk

REAL ESTATE

by Ralph Rachele

IMAGINARY NEEDS

A prospective buyer who is seriously interested in a particular home may want to mentally conceive what it would be like to spend a typical day there. She can begin by creating the mental image of waking up, visiting the bathroom, waking the children, and preparing coffee in the kitchen. She should ask herself if the physical layout of the house flows in a manner that is consistent with her lifestyle. Does the home provide enough private areas to accommodate each family member, as well as a "family area" for all to gather in at once? A woman might address the task of parking her car and conveying bundles to the kitchen. A man might need workshop space. In the end, a new home must meet the new owners' lifestyle needs, whatever they are. Look at a home with these needs in mind.

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County Offers Several Suggestions To Save Heat This Winter

HEAT is a program of the Executive Office of Energy Resources, so say Governor Michael S. Dukakis and Sharon M. Pollard, secretary of Energy Resources.

Thanks for your interest in HEAT, and more importantly, in making crucial energy saving improvements in your home. To help you through the process, below is a six-step checklist to make it even easier! We encourage you to post this on your refrigerator or to start a folder, labeled "HEAT," and keep this checklist in it. **IT'S EASY. ONLY 6 STEPS!**

1. Call your local HEAT office for a packet of information and guidelines.

•To start the process, the HEAT office will arrange for an energy survey to be performed on your home.

After your energy survey is performed and you have reviewed it, you must decide what energy improvements you want to implement.

•The HEAT office will give you two forms and materials to help you complete the process: an Income Declaration form; and a List of Contractors.

2. Next, call a contractor already approved by HEAT from the contractor's list you will receive from the HEAT office. (These are state-listed Energy Conservation Service contractors.) You must obtain an itemized written estimate of cost from them to perform the improvements you want done to your home. Remember, do not sign a contract or have them begin work until you receive an approval from HEAT.

If you are making the improvements yourself, you must obtain a written estimate of materials from a supplier.

3. Now, call to schedule an appointment with your local HEAT office to finalize your application. The appointment will take approximately one-half hour. Be sure to take the following materials with you to the appointment:

- the itemized written estimates from the contractor
- the energy survey
- HEAT income declaration form

NOW, FOR THE LOAN.

4. Apply for your ZERO-Interest Loan with the papers and information you received from your HEAT representative. (Remember, HEAT will pay up to \$4,000 in interest over a period of five years!) Make an appointment with a loan officer at a participating lender. Take all the forms in your HEAT folder to your appointment.

Once your loan is approved, the lender will give you a check for the total costs of the improvements. The HEAT program will pay the interest directly to the lender, therefore making this a zero-interest loan to you!

CONGRATULATIONS: YOU'RE ALMOST THERE:

5. Now that you have the money from your loan, call your contractor to begin the improvements. (Remember, the improvements must be completed in 90 days of when you received your loan!) You are responsible for paying the contractor. (Most contractors require a down payment before starting with the balance due once the work is complete. Look for the terms of payment in your written estimate from the contractor.)

6. Once the work is completed, call your local HEAT office to inform them. At that time, please have ready documentation of payment (duplicated copies of your check and/or contractor's receipt). At that time an inspection will be scheduled.

Remember, throughout the process, if you need assistance, just call us. Hampden County Commissioners Office of Energy & Management, 50 State Street, Springfield, MA, 01103, 781-8100, extension 2313; or Springfield Redevelopment Authority, 73 State Street, Springfield, MA, 01103, 787-6516, 787-6519.

Agawam Obituaries.

Thomas Russo

Thomas Russo, 80, of 655 Cooper Street, Agawam, one of the last remaining farmers in Agawam and retired owner of the T. Russo & Sons Trucking and Paving Company, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Russo had raised hogs for many years and also grew vegetables that he sold from a farm stand. He founded the trucking business in 1945 and retired 15 years ago.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 75 years. He was active in Agawam town affairs and was a Town Meeting member.

Russo served in the auxiliary police for 45 years and held constable badge Number One for 41 years. He also served as an election constable.

In December 1987, he received a citation from the town for his many years of service to the community.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of the former St. Anthony's Society.

He was a member of the Central Massachusetts Police Association, the Agawam Citizens Organization, the Red Cross, and the Hampden County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Rose L. Albano; two sons, Joseph T. and Thomas J. Jr., both of Agawam; a daughter, Anna M. Salamone of Manchester, Connecticut; a brother, Vincent of Agawam; a sister, Rose Ferrendino of Springfield; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.



THOMAS RUSSO

The funeral was in the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, or Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

Grace K. Plakias

Grace K. (Keyes) Plakias, 78, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Revere, she moved to Agawam in 1952. She was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church, Feeding Hills.

She leaves her husband, George T. Plakias; a son, Thomas J. of Feeding Hills, and two grandchildren.

Memorial Scholarship For Former Librarian

Memorial donations have been received by the Agawam Public Library to honor Shirley A. (Richard) Carrier, who served as Chief Librarian in Agawam from 1968 to 1978 and who died January 31st, 1988 in Missouri. The news of Shirley's death filled many area residents with great sadness since she had an immense and positive impact on so many people of all ages by encouraging them to pursue not only a love of books and reading, but also their educational, career, and other goals. Some of these citizens have expressed an interest in establishing a library memorial fund in her honor. Additional donations may be made to the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Mrs. Carrier has continued to be an inspiration for many of the best traditions and improvements within the Agawam Public Library. She was instrumental in establishing the need for the new library and convincing town officials to allocate federal grant monies for its construction. She encouraged warm, friendly service to all, and shared a tremendous enthusiasm for children's services, love of books and reading, and promotion of attractive, enticing books to encourage usage.

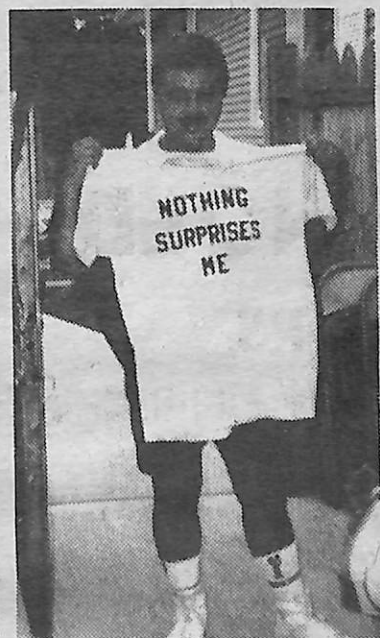
Many will remember her tremendous excitement

every time she would discover another beautiful, humorous or otherwise excellent children's book. Under Mrs. Carrier's direction, the children's collection here received high praise as one of the best in the area from many experts, including nationally recognized James Trelease, the author of the bestselling *Read Aloud Handbook*.

In keeping with this tradition, funds donated in memory of Shirley A. (Richard) Carrier will be utilized to purchase the type of wonderful children's books she herself would have selected and joyfully shared. These books will bear gift plates honoring her memory and the donors. Many residents, including current Chief Librarian Donna Campbell, have fond childhood memories of visiting the former Center Library on Main Street to visit "Shirley," as she was affectionately known, and to borrow books.

With her welcoming, friendly, cheerful, and warm manner, she eliminated the outdated stereotype of the "mean old librarian" in Agawam once and for all, one of her most important contributions. All the kids loved her! Thus, it seems fitting that Agawam children continue to be inspired to love books and reading through memorial gift books as part of Shirley A. (Richard) Carrier's ongoing legacy.

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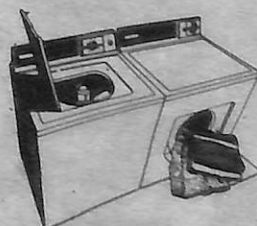
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Families

Susan Marie Baj Weds Mark John Stapleton

Susan Marie Baj, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Baj of Agawam, was married to Mark John Stapleton, son of Thomas Stapleton of Moore, South Carolina, and Mary Stapleton of Chicago, Illinois.

Gary Burke of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, performed the double-ring ceremony on August 19th at the First Church in Windsor, Connecticut. Patsy Burke played and sang the wedding music along with Kimberly Burke, Mark Burke, and Ken Bever.

Judith Davis attended her sister as matron of honor. The bridesmaids included Melissa Baj, niece of the bride; Francine Wilks; Clara Druszkowski; and Rhonda Bever.

The best man was Elmo Don Brewer, friend of the groom. Ushers included Eric Baj, nephew of the bride; Kent Blake; Ken Hook; and Tom Stapleton, cousin of the groom.

The flower girl was Katie Erman and the ringbearer was Aaron Bever.

The reception was held at The First Church.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, where she received a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is employed as a copy editor at the Manchester Herald, Manchester, Connecticut.

The groom graduated from Manchester High School and the University of Connecticut, where he received a degree in political science. He is employed as an auto mechanic with Mitchell Dodge in Simsbury, Connecticut.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. They now make their home in Windsor, Connecticut.



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Agawam High Class Of '73 Sets Reunion For Nov. 18th

Attention members of Agawam High School Class of 1973. Our 15th class reunion has been planned for Friday, November 18th, at Storowton Carriage House. Please call Ellen (Beauchane) Janik at 786-6826 or Peggy (Gacona) Cardaropoli at 786-5247 as soon as possible.

Francine Mancini Engaged To Jean Claude Cancedda

Mr. & Mrs. Aldo Mancini of 58 Royal Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Francine Mancini of 23 West 73rd St., New York City, to Jean Claude Cancedda, originally from La Rochelle, France, and now a resident of Manhattan.

Ms. Mancini graduated from Agawam High School, and moved to New York where she is a performer and Executive Artistic Director of The Theatre Company, Lace Productions.

Her fiancé is a commercial graphic artist. The wedding is set for the spring of 1989.

Catholic Women's Club Seeks Craftspeople For Festival

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is looking for craftspeople for its Annual Fall Festival of Crafts. This year's craft fair will be held on October 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the St. John's Church Parish Center, Agawam.

Past fairs have been highly successful and well attended. Craftspeople interested in reserving space for the show should contact the Festival chairwoman, Paula Raiche, 789-0244, or Barbara Gingras, 786-7037. Space is limited and will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Agawam Garden Club Sets Meeting September 13th

The Agawam Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Speaker for the evening will be Mark Lavoie, superintendent of Stanley Park in Westfield. His program will feature a bulb planting workshop and discussion of activities at Stanley Park.

Lavoie oversees security operations and all horticultural and civic activities within the park. His duties also include supervision of cultivation in the public test rose garden.

Guests and new members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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Local Cancer Society To Hold Fashion Show

"Fall In Style" is more than a fashion show. That is the message that the Reach To Recovery Committee of both the Greater Springfield and Greater Holyoke/Chicopee Units of the American Cancer Society hopes to get across. On Thursday, September 29th, at 8:00 p.m., models, medical educators, and the public will be able to enjoy and learn from each other at this annual event. The location is The Oaks, 1070 Suffield Street, Agawam.

Reach To Recovery is the American Cancer Society service program which helps mastectomy patients—former patients helping new patients. All of the volunteer models have had cancer. According to coordinator Yvette Choiniere, the purpose of the show is especially important. "We want to let cancer patients and the public know that these women are just as capable as anyone else. Their clothing is nice and fashionable and no different from that worn by any other woman," she said.

Well-known fashion expert Arleen Roberts will serve as commentator. The shops represented include Petite Sophisticates, Sophisticated Women, August Max, and Modern Women. Clothing includes sports, day wear, bathing suits, and evening dresses. In addition, Mary Kay will do the models' make-up, and there will be several prosthesis displays. Organist Richard Mitnik will provide the musical accompaniment.

The evening continues with a panel discussion and a question and answer period conducted by four area medical experts. Those involved are Dr. Paul Hetzel, oncologist; Dr. Nancy Weiss, surgeon; Dr. Philip Stone, plastic surgeon; and Dr. Peggy Sue Kramyak, radiotherapist.

"The panel's purpose is to make people aware of the facts," says Ms. Choiniere. "We hope that everyone will leave with a good feeling when all questions have been answered."

Admission to the event is \$7 with all proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society. Coffee and dessert will also be served. Tickets are on a first-come basis, with only a limited number sold at the door. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society and sent to the Society at 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040, or call Lucille Camyre, 786-9425. Any questions can be directed to the American Cancer Society by calling 536-2255. The public is encouraged to attend.

Laurie Ann Sleeper Bride Of Michael C. Butt Of Agawam

Miss Laurie Ann Sleeper, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Sleeper of 52 Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills, became the bride of Michael Christopher Butt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. (Butt) Brady of 147 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam.

The ceremony took place Sunday, September 4th, at 4:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Feeding Hills, with the Reverend David J. Joyce, officiating.

A reception followed at The Oaks, Agawam. Maid of honor was Lynette A. Sleeper, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Michele Dion, and Linda Dion. Junior Bridesmaid was Christina Brady.

Best man was Kenneth W. Butt, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Lonny Sleeper, and Thomas Butt, Jr. Ringbearer was Nicholas Dion. Candle Holder was Mathew Dion.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is now attending Westfield State College working towards her degree in elementary education. She is currently employed at BayBank Valley.

The groom is a graduate of Agawam High School, and is a graduate from the University of Lowell where he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed by Hamilton Standard as a Manufacturing Engineer.



MRS. MICHAEL C. BUTT
nee Laurie Ann Sleeper

Gary & Louise Germain Announce Birth Of Son

Gary & Louise (Montagna) Germain, formerly of Feeding Hills, now residing in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Nicholas Peter.

Nicholas was born August 25th at Leominster Hospital, Leominster, Massachusetts. Nicholas weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

Thrilled with this baby's arrival is big brother Nathan Tyler, who is 3½.

Nicholas is the fifth grandchild for maternal grandparents, Charles & Rita Montagna of Agawam, and the 10th grandchild for paternal grandparents, John & Claire Germain of Ludlow.

Airman Paula A. Dawson Graduates Basic Training

Air National Guard Airman Paula A. Dawson, daughter of Carol A. Boulay of 112 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills, and Jerry W. Dawson of 8042 St. Anne's Court, Alexandria, Virginia, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

She is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

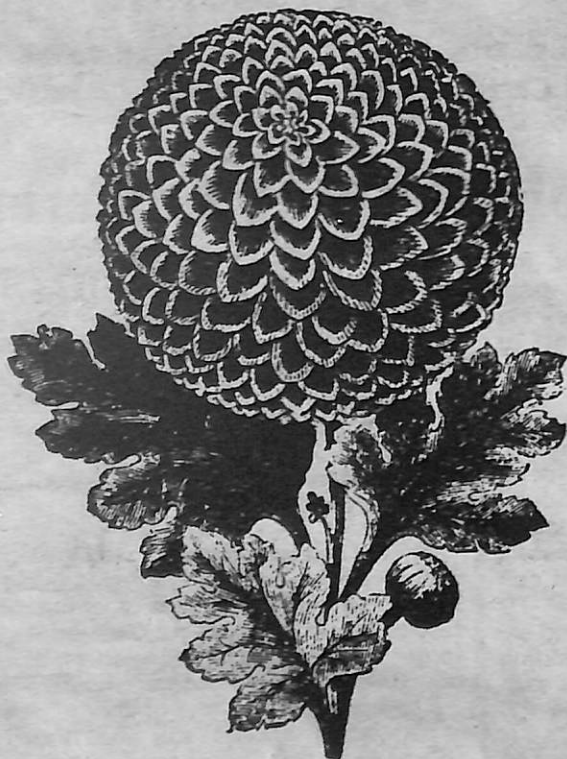
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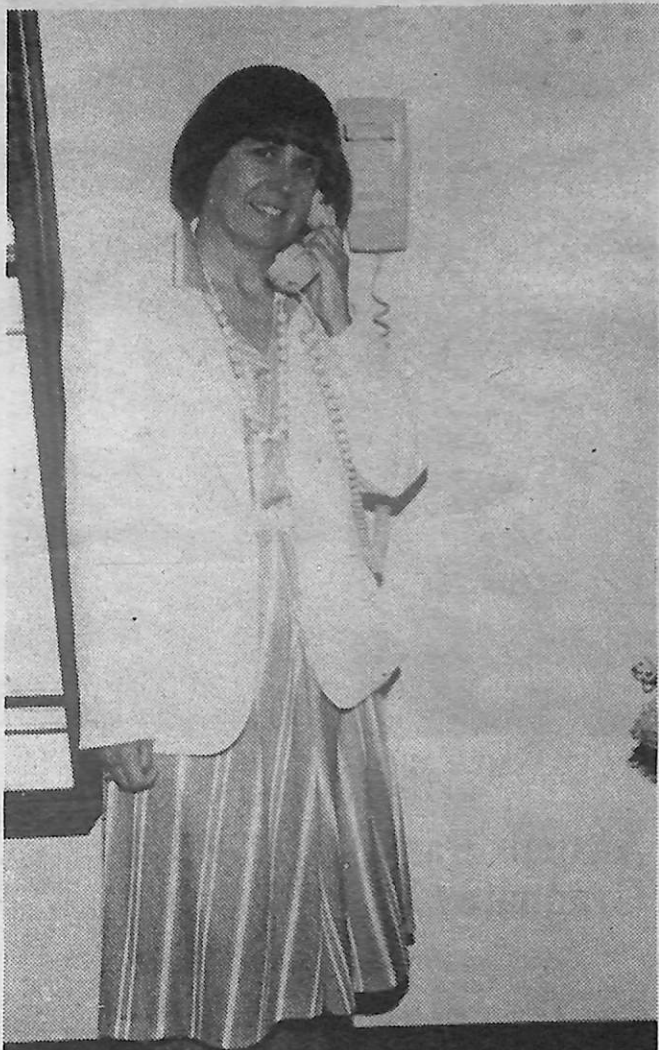
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Spotlight On Business...



CHRISTINE KEENAN is serving as administrator of the new Elder Haven in Agawam.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Elder Haven Inc. Opens To Serve Area Senior Citizens

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"We are meeting a family need for custodial care for elder family members."

That's what brought Christine Keenan to Agawam to open **Elder Haven Inc.**, the second of two such elder care facilities in the area. And Christine has brought some brighter and innovative ideas to her new Springfield Street location.

Elder Haven provides on-site day care for elders who cannot be left alone because of some physical or emotional handicaps. An elderly family member who doesn't require extensive medicare care, who can take medications themselves under supervision but who perhaps suffers from the beginnings of Alzheimer's Disease, or simply physical weakness, or who is recovering from injury, can benefit from Elder Haven services.

It's a boon to working families with a live-in elder who needs assistance preparing meals, or who needs a chance to socialize during what can be a long and confining existence under normal at-home routine.

Located at 340 Springfield Street, Agawam (O'Brien's Corner), the center can accommodate up to 20 elders a day in spacious facilities equipped for the handicapped. Tables for four allow for easy conversations during meals and crafts time.

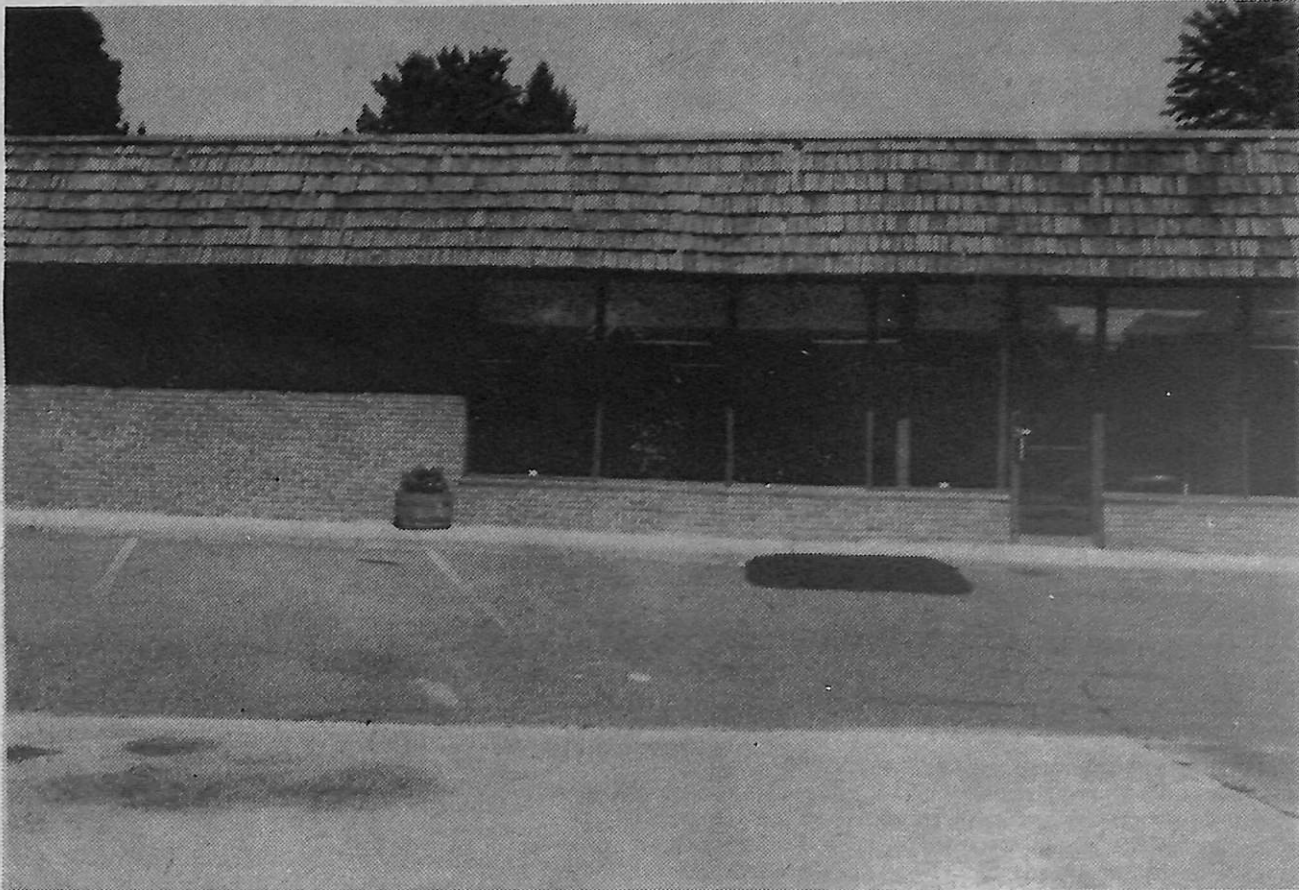
A "living room" area is equipped with comfortable swivel rockers and a television. The "quiet" room has overstuffed recliners for those who wish to nap, or simply stretch-out for a while. One hot meal and two snacks are provided during the day, which can begin at 8:30 a.m., and run through 5:30 p.m. in the evening, Monday through Friday.

"We are geared to working families, and try to structure a homelike atmosphere for our clients," Christine says.

Among the services and programs Christine plans to include at this **Elder Haven** are visits from a local children's day care facility, periodic visits from a podiatrist (with billing for those services handled directly by the doctor's office), a visiting bookmobile, occasional outings, daily range of motion exercises, arts and crafts, and occasional entertainers from other senior groups. Clients even have the opportunity for weekly manicures.

Elder Haven opened barely two weeks ago, though the original Westfield location has been providing elder day care services for a year-and-a-half. Christine is a registered nurse and administrator of the Agawam facility.

Clients using the services of **Elder Haven** must be mobile, either independently or with aid of a walker. Wheelchair-bound clients must be able to transfer themselves. Special diets and medications can be accommodated.



ELDER HAVEN is located at 340 Springfield Street, Agawam, O'Brien's Corner. The firm provides "custodial care for elderly family members." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELDER HAVEN ADMINISTRATOR Christine Keenan is pictured with participant Corine Lovatti last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Area Realtors To Hold Housing Conference

The Greater Springfield Board of Realtors and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce are cosponsoring a Housing Affordability Conference to be held on Friday, September 23rd, from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m., at St. Anthony's Social Hall, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield.

The average price of a home in the Greater Springfield area is about \$135,800. Beyond market forces, what factors have caused this? What does this mean for local business? Are businesses having difficulty recruiting and retaining skilled and unskilled labor. How is the first-time homebuyer affected? Does public attitude add to the cost of housing? In what ways can the situation be alleviated?

The conference will address these questions and explore the issue from various directions, including development, state and local legislative climate, current market conditions, recruitment of people to the area, and community attitude and involvement.

Speakers for the event include Jack Dill, president of the Colebrook Group, Real Estate Development sub-

sidary of SIS Bank, Diane Dubreuil, director of Employment Services for Baystate Medical Center, Peter Gagliardi, director of Regional Operations for the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Program, Robert Nash, Massachusetts Association of Realtors Director of Government Affairs, and Stephen Roberts, president of F.L. Roberts Company and chairman of the Community 2000 task force on housing. Greater Springfield Board of Realtors President Marybeth Bergeron will act as moderator.

Invited guests include selectmen, mayors, local senators and representatives, zoning and planning board members, as well as other housing industry professionals. In addition, representatives from the area's larger employers, local developers, affordable housing advocates and area business leaders are invited.

The conference is free of charge. Anyone interested in attending should call the Board of Realtors, 785-1328 or the Chamber of Commerce, 787-1555 for a reservation.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS is a regular feature of *The Advertiser News*. We urge our readers to make Agawam merchants "your business" 52 weeks a year!!!

Town Receives New PVTA Senior Van

PVTA Administrator Robert D. Manz has presented a brand new 1988 Dodge van to the Town of Agawam, for use in its Special Services transportation program. The ceremony was held August 31st at the Agawam Council on Aging office. Keys to the new van were accepted by Richard Mundo, executive director of the COA, and Richard Theroux, Agawam's Town Clerk and representative to the PVTA Advisory Board.

Up until now, Agawam has had only one wheelchair lift-equipped van, and Mundo is very excited about the new acquisition. "This new vehicle means we'll be able to provide 50 percent more service for our elders and disabled citizens," he says. Also on hand for the ceremonies were Town Manager Reid Charles, Town Council Vice-President Jessie Fuller, and Town Councilor David Skolnick.

Agawam's Special Services program has been in operation since the mid-1970's. The new van is one of five 1988 vehicles being given to the communities of Springfield, Chicopee, Northampton, and Agawam.

Big E fairgoers can sit and relax surrounded by an array of beautiful flowers, green grass and an atmosphere that highlights distinctive qualities of New England. Storowton Village's Colonial Wine Garden is an oasis of tranquility where one can go to escape from all the festivities of the day from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., daily during the fair.

The Wine Garden, located on the Avenue of States, carries on a tradition that began with the first Exposition in 1917, which was held to promote New England Agriculture. Wineries and vineyards, a small aspect of New England's agriculture, are the focal points in this colonial setting. Since 1981, the Wine Garden has presented various products of New England wineries and discovered that these wines can compete with some of the finest wines in the world.



AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT Jessie D. Fuller accepts the "key" to a new 1988 Dodge van from PVTA Administrator Robert D. Manz. Looking on are Agawam Town Manager Reid S. Charles (left), and Council on Aging Executive Director Richard Mundo (second from left).

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Monday, September 12th
Agawam Historical Asso.
Social/Picnic
940 Main Street, Agawam

Tuesday, September 13th
Agawam Garden Club Meeting
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24th
Tag Sale
Women's Auxiliary
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9:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 29th
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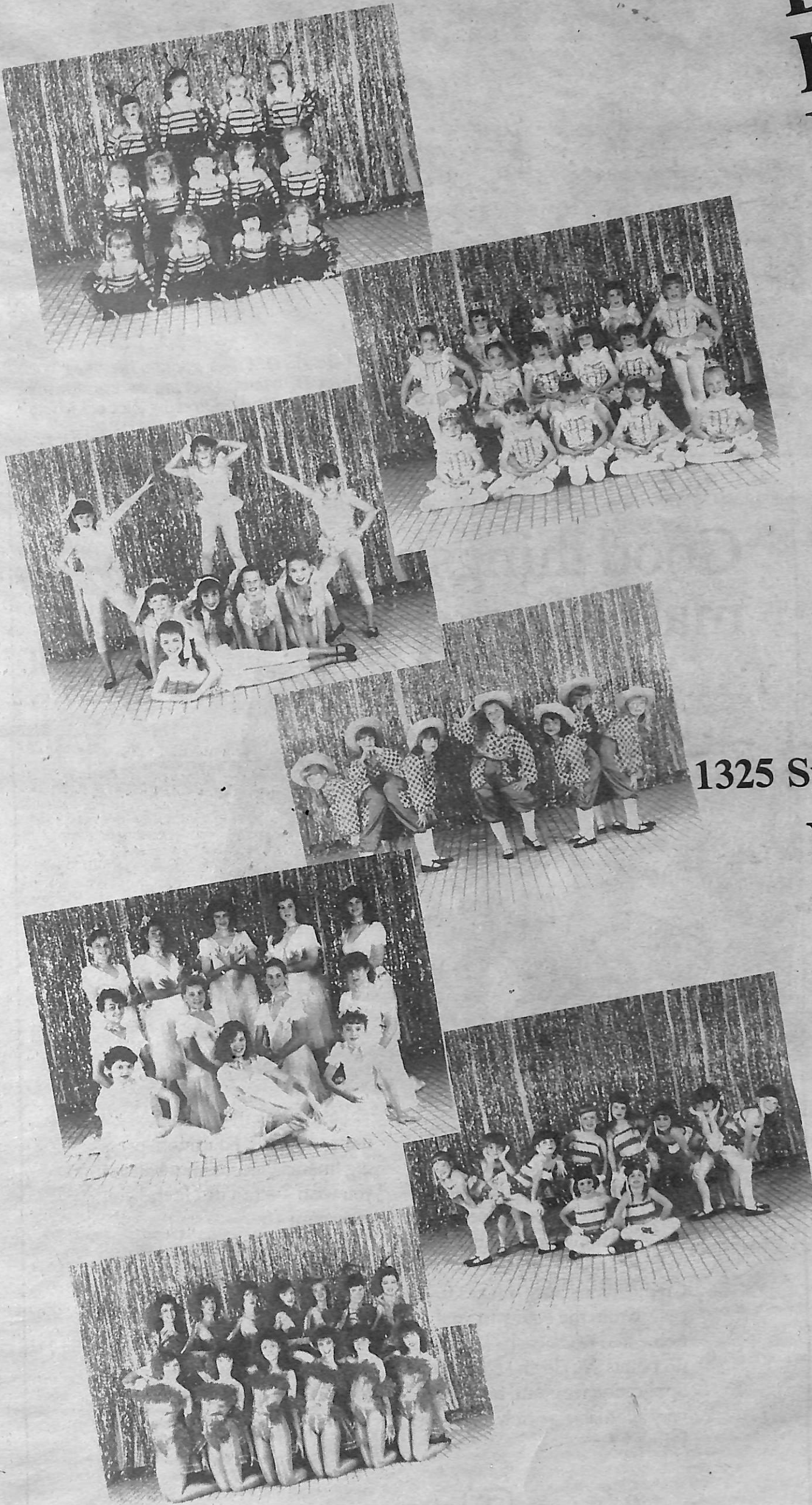
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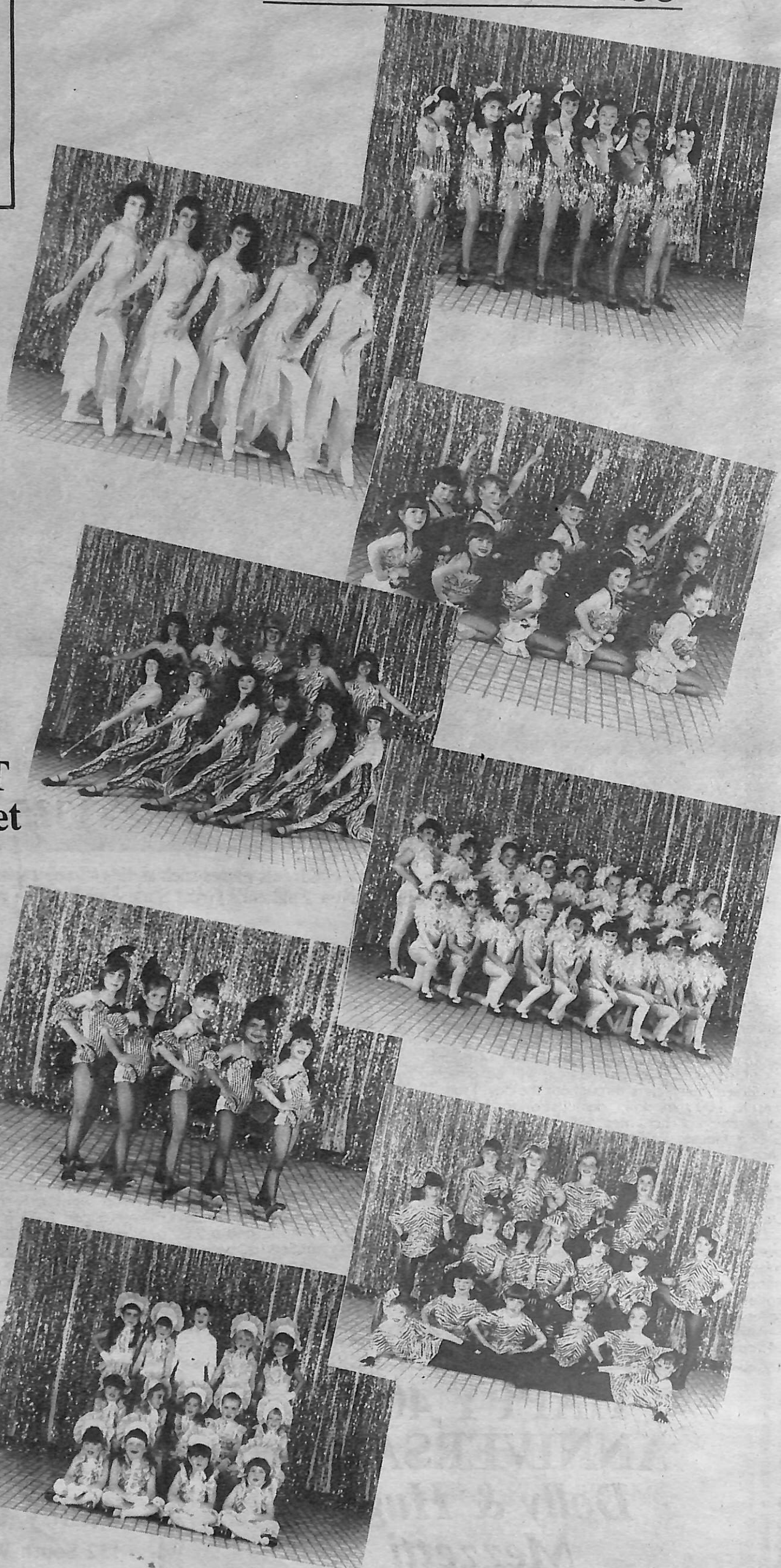
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"HOOPS OF FUN" - Colonial children's games such as this "hoop racing" take place on the Storowton Village Green at The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," which runs from September 14th - 25th.

Storowton Village Has Many Big E Events

Storowton Village, the Eastern States Exposition's authentic 19th century colonial village, has a variety of activities planned throughout The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," September 14th-25th.

Guided tours through the past will be directed by costumed interpreters throughout the day. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily, demonstrations of crafts and other colonial activities will be spotlighted in the Gilbert House, Potter Mansion, and the Blacksmith Shop.

Storowton Wine Garden will be open to serve visitors the finest New England wines and light fare. The evenings will be filled with mellow folk music by David Letellier, singer and guitarist.

Each noon, the picturesque Village Green will be overflowing with children of all ages wishing to partake in the daily children's games which award prize ribbons to all the winners. The games featured are a variety of colonial-era children's games such as sack races and hoop races.

Also on the Green will be the Storowton Dancers, performing at 6:00 p.m., September 14th-19th, and the

American Heritage Dancers, performing at 6:15 p.m., September 20th-25th.

Children's entertainer and award winner, Sandra Beech, will entertain fairgoers with her stories and songs at the Gazebo daily throughout the 12-day fair at 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m.

The Flag History Program, which takes place both weekends during the Big E, includes the presentation of the U.S. Flag by the Boy Scouts, a small parade and information on the history and meaning of the U.S. Flag. Marching band performances occur each afternoon throughout the run of the fair on the Village Green.

For the benefit of fairgoers who want to get a religious start on Sundays, there is an 8:00 a.m. Catholic Mass, and a 9:00 a.m. non-denominational Protestant Service, both in Storowton Church. On Sunday, September 18th, at 10:00 a.m., the "Chalice of Salvation," a Catholic Mass, will be televised live on WWLP-TV Channel 22 from Storowton Village Green.

Storowton Village is a special place during the fair and throughout the year. For information, call 787-0136.

Sweet Adelines Seek New Members

The Highland Valley Prospective Chapter of Sweet Adelines is seeking new members. The Sweet Adelines are a group of women of all ages who are dedicated to singing four-part harmony, barbershop style.

If you enjoy singing, come to a rehearsal and find out what we are all about. We meet every Tuesday evening from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m., at the Grace United Church, on the corner of Hampden and Pleasant Street, Holyoke.

There will be an open house, Tuesday, September 13th, at the Grace Church at 7:15 p.m., but visitors are welcome at any Tuesday rehearsal.

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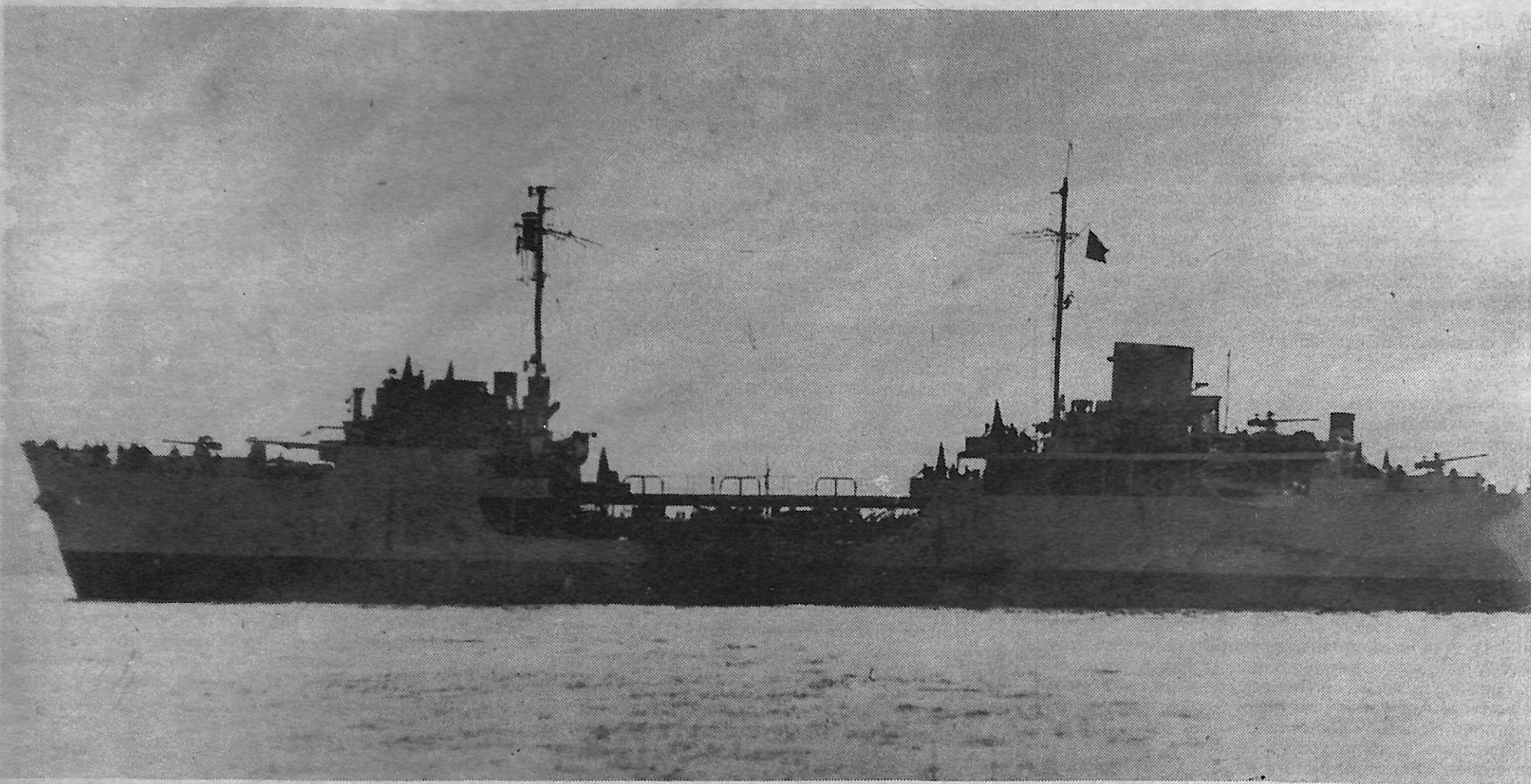
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THE USS "Agawam II" as it appeared during World War II.



More Info On "Agawam II" From Historians

As has been the case with several of our stories, it seems that following the initial series more and more information comes forth slowly and sporadically, but without end.

For this reason, certain stories, which are seemingly concluded, reappear as the continuum of data comes to light. Accordingly, it is by this pattern of input that a complete log is established for future generations.

Such is the case with the story of **Agawam II**. We had no sooner turned in the article on the special ceremony at the Old Feeding Hills Burial Grounds when we received a phone call alerting us to the possibility of a fourth "Haunted House" in town. For the time being, this interesting tidbit of local information has been put to one side, pending further research!

However, shortly following this call, we were visited

by a one-time resident of Agawam who had further information concerning **The Agawam II**. We could not miss this valuable data, nor the exciting conversation with the 31-year veteran of the United States Navy, Herb Marsh of West Springfield!

No Time For Barnacles To Gather

Needless to say, over the years we have had the pleasure of meeting many interesting visitors, each one of which contributed his/her share of interesting anecdotes regarding Agawam and Feeding Hills. Without doubt, Herb Marsh is among that number!

From the outset of our meeting with Herb, it was quite obvious that here indeed was an "old salt" of many years' service in the United States Navy! It did not take long before we concluded that if anyone knew his subject, he did!

Armed with pictures and portfolios of naval history, he portrayed a full description of the type and class of the **Agawam II**. Herb had already written down many of the details for us. He continued to talk and more facts came to light while both of us attempted to keep up with this veritable whirlwind of information.

Who Is Herb Marsh?

Herb Marsh was at one time a resident of Agawam. Prior to the outbreak of World War II, he had joined the Navy and from that time on, he acquired 31 years of service. During these years, Marsh had reached the rank of First Class Petty Officer, boiler tender (in earlier years known as water tender). For those readers who do not appreciate the distinction, such men were often referred to as members of the "Black Gang," meaning that they served below deck tending the coal-burning boilers of another era!

As best our memory serves us, this particular crew wore a blue chevron on their sleeve and a blue naval cap. Such a task was not to be totally admired, considering the risk of these sailors during times of attack by the enemy!

During his tricks with the navy, Herb had served aboard a variety of ships. At the beginning of his naval career, his service was duty aboard the fast moving destroyers. After this, Herb saw duty aboard LST's (landing ship-troops), LSD's (landing ship-docks), Liber-

ty ships (a frightening experience, since they were plywood vessels hurriedly made during WWII), Troop ships, and cargo ships.

Unfortunately, we failed to determine if Herb had actually traveled twice around the world, or if he meant that in terms of sea miles, he had equaled two trips circumventing the globe. It doesn't matter. The fact remains this gentleman has paid his dues in years of service to his country!

As To The Agawam II...

Originally, we knew **The Agawam II** had been classified "AOG-6." We were to learn the interpretation of AOG as meaning "Auxiliary-Oiler-Gasoline." What we didn't realize was the significance of the number 6!

Sometime during the 1930's-'40's period (WWII), there were 23 ships of the U.S.S. Patapsco class, specifically built as supply ships for the Navy. According to Herb, ships numbered "6-11" and "48-54" were constructed by the Gargill Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, while ships numbered "1-5" had been built in Tacoma, Washington. Hence, **The Agawam II** was to become the "AOG-6," meaning it was the sixth such vessel of the original 23.

According to one of Herb's official naval booklets, "The Ships and Aircraft of the U.S. Fleet" (by James C. Fahey, 1958), the **U.S.S. Agawam (II)** had a displacement of 1,850 tons, implying tonnage or displacement while empty of cargo. With a full load, the ship displaced at 4,335 tons.

As to its cargo, **The Agawam II** carried aircraft fuel or gasoline for land vehicles used in construction work by the Seabees, or various other military conveyances. Without doubt, such naval cargo ships were highly susceptible to enemy attack!

Again, **The Agawam II** had an overall length of 310 feet, 9 inches, a beam of 48'6", and a draft of 15.8 feet. Also, she had two diesel engines with a shaft horsepower of 3,100 and traveled at 14.0 knots. With a compliment of 124 crew members, **The Agawam II** carried four 3/50 guns.

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In conclusion, the ship had a cargo capacity of 7,775 tons (by barrels) of highly-explosive aircraft fuel (for land/sea supply) and gasoline for land vehicles.

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

There were two important questions with which we concluded our interview with Herb Marsh: The first, "How did **The Agawam II** derive its name?" and "What was the final disposition of the ship?"

According to Marsh's recollection, ships of this class were probably named after certain towns or native tribal names. This coincided with the official navy dictionary: "named after a town and river in Massachusetts." Again, it seemed compatible with names of other such naval vessels, since many ships of this classification carried the names of aboriginal tribes or leaders.

As to the second question, Marsh took a contemplative moment before he concluded that the ship, **The Agawam II** had been in active service as of 1965. Shortly thereafter, it was inactivated and probably later was sold or salvaged!

Needless to say, we had to accept the fact that **The Agawam II** has probably succumbed to the fate of so many of our historic naval "mistresses of the sea,"... the "junk yard!"

Gone, But Not Forgotten

There is hope in the knowledge that several irons remain in the forge. By contacting the Navy Department for further information, coupled with continued efforts on the part of Feeding Hills resident Dan Lacienski and Herb Marsh, we were to learn more of **The Agawam II**.

If nothing more, we can honestly account for disclosing a bit of Agawam's past history which must not be forgotten! Hopefully somewhere within our town and village there is some young member of tomorrow's generation who might be further inspired to continue on with our glorious past. Young student John Manning is just such an example!

Senior Citizens Are Huge Reservoir

It doesn't take long before one begins to question why so many of our senior citizens have not been called on as a viable source of information relative to yesteryear. These people are nothing short of a bountiful reservoir of history!

One need only spend some time talking with our seniors to realize that their memory banks are packed with exciting, interesting (perhaps little known tidbits) data dealing with historic events that could put the best selling novel to shame, not to mention whatever it is they put on television today.

We wouldn't be at all surprised to learn that such living memorials of our past know and have forgotten more about history (as they lived it) than those prestigious and honored members of the so-called intelligentsia! So often we hear our younger generation complain about the boredom of history, or for that matter, anything that doesn't meet their particular fantasies.

Maybe it's about time the adult generation begins to make proper use of our senior citizens by asking them to speak on various accounts of their past experiences through classroom visits or organizational gatherings.

Of course, in some areas this is being pursued. We can't help thinking that even more positive results might be had should we be willing to listen more carefully; and then by asking them to share in their wealth of knowledge! Food for thought!

Big E To Showcase Massachusetts

Big E fairgoers will get a real taste of Massachusetts and the five remaining New England states in less than an afternoon as they travel the famed and unique Avenue of States.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. throughout the 12-day fair, September 14th-25th, in West Springfield, the Massachusetts building offers fairgoers a wealth of New England hospitality beyond its open doors.

Here, in an exact replica of the original Massachusetts State capital building, fairgoers can take a leisurely walking tour and view the industry, commerce, agriculture, and natural resources found in the Bay State.

Highlighting the many exhibits and displays found in the Massachusetts building will be "Outdoors in Massachusetts," a number of exhibits on display in front of a beautiful mural that stands 87'x 10'. The mural, created by artists Bryant Stewart and wife, Jennie Schermesser of Farley, Massachusetts, is a collage of Massachusetts State Parks including Plum Island, Boston Harbor Island, and Halibut Point in Gloucester. In front of the mural will be the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries with a fish ladder display, Western Massachusetts Fish & Game with a live salmon stream, and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife with trout and salmon on display. Visitors won't want to miss the Massachusetts Division of Law Enforcement's live, full grown bald eagle.

Another mural known as, "Creatures of the Bog" and created by students from Sacred Heart High School in Kingston, will be the scenery of the Massachusetts Cranberry Association's live working bog complete with water, pumps, and whole cranberries. Visitors will also want to stop to see the Massachusetts Aquaculture Association exhibit on water farming.

Massachusetts Artisans will have ongoing art and craft demonstrations daily using artisans from throughout the Valley. And there will be cheesemaking demonstrations where visitors can sample a variety of special cheeses.

Visitors may also want to satisfy their taste buds

with a variety of delicious treats, including cool, creamy milkshakes and ice cream cones, maple syrup and maple spun sugar, Finnish pancakes, and other fine products. The Roadside Stand—Farmer's Market Exhibit, will have stir-fried vegetables and corn on the cob.

Fairgoers may want to try their luck with "on line" betting in the Massachusetts State Lottery or visit the Postal Department's special exhibit on the 50th anniversary of Quabbin Reservoir. They may also want to purchase some beautiful plants, colorful cut flowers or carnation boutonnieres, or Massachusetts-grown wool blankets.

Other informative exhibits will cover such topics as honey production—from hive to jar, how to cook poultry in a variety of delicious ways, animal care, Massachusetts agriculture and agriculture education.

WNNZ Radio in Westfield will be broadcasting live from the Massachusetts building and "Wnnzton the Duck" will be here daily.

As an added bonus, The Big E will salute the Bay State on Thursday, September 22nd, designated as Massachusetts Day at the fair. Special attractions on this day include the sing-along Peter Pan Players of Worcester from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Western Massachusetts songwriters and bands will be performing 14 different acts of folk, pop and rock starting at 12:30 p.m. Also on this day, the State Police Mounted Unit and Drill Team will be here as well as marching bands from the state including Agawam High School, Franklin High School, Gateway Regional High School in Huntington, Palmer High School, Mansfield High School, and David Prouty High School in Spencer.

What makes The Big E's Avenue of States so unusual is the fact that Massachusetts and each of the New England states actually own their building. Nowhere else in the United States does a state own property in another state.

Over one million fairgoers are expected to visit the fair's famed tree bordered street during the 67th annual Big E.

Scout Troop 82 Planning Busy Fall Agenda

Troop 82 of Agawam, chartered to the Agawam Congregational Church, Main Street, has been planning the fall season for the troop's activities.

The first troop meeting of the season will be Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:15 p.m., at the church. Any boy and his parents are invited to attend this or any other troop meeting to see what scouting is all about. To become a Boy Scout, a boy must be 10½ years-old and have completed fifth grade or be 11 years-old.

Troop 82 has been serving the youth of Agawam and Feeding Hills for over 25 years and participates in a wide variety of activities. The troop spent a week at summer camp earlier this year, and has plans for several camping trips and a special Westover Air Force Base tour this fall.

The troop has also taken trips to the Boston area, gone on winter camping trips, visited Police and Fire Stations, and participated in many camporees. Scouts from the troop have been on bike-hikes, canoe trips, and on summer camp staff. Several scouts are planning on participating in the 1989 national Boy Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

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Victorian Painting Class Scheduled

If you live in a Victorian home, the color you paint your house can make a difference. "The preservation movement has encouraged people to ask questions," says Roger Moss, a nationally known expert on Victorian colors. Moss will be presenting a lecture, "Painting the Town Victorian: How to Choose Historical Colors," on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. The lecture will take place in the auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts.

Moss will discuss how to select and apply historically appropriate paint colors that will enhance the beauty and value of a house. He added, "The color movement is a reaction to houses themselves; they just didn't look right painted white."

Moss and his wife, Gail Caskey Winkler, wrote the book, *Victorian Exterior Decoration* as an answer to all the people who ask, "What did people in the Victorian era actually use?"

Moss is the Executive Director of the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, an independent research library founded in 1814 which specializes in Victorian architecture and decoration. He is an officer of the Victorian Society in America, a former director of several historic houses, and an adjunct professor in the Historic Preservation Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

His books include *Century of Color* (1981), and with his wife, Gail Winkler, *Victorian Interior Decoration* (1986), and *Victorian Exterior Decoration* (1987). Dr. Moss has served as a consultant for several city historic district commissions that have developed guidelines for historic color use, and he assisted two national paint manufacturers in developing lines of historical paint colors.

The lecture by Roger Moss is open to the public at \$5.50 per person. Please call the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080, for more information.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Check our classifieds

Ag. Senior Center Events, Calendar

September 8th, Thursday: 12:30 p.m., program, "Guide To Long Term Care" Insurance with Dave Rich, Amex Assurance Company.

September 12th, Monday: 9:30 a.m., reservations open for Annual "Big E" Trip.

September 20th, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m., Blood Pressure, M-Z.

September 22nd, Thursday: 10:00 a.m., Foot Nurses by appointment.

September 27th, Tuesday: 2:00 p.m., Legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Jansons, by appointment.

Bingo every Saturday night. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Game starts at 6:30 p.m.

55-Alive/Mature Driving

A refresher course for the road. Senior adults, this one is for you! Since our driving habits change with age, a refresher course is in order. The Senior Center is supporting the program that is sponsored by AARP and conducted by Sergeant Philip Dill, Monson police force. The course is divided into two parts. All persons 55 and over may participate in the "55 Alive/Mature Driving." The dates

scheduled for this special program will be Monday, November 14th, at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday, November 15th, and will be held at the Agawam Public Library. Cost per person is \$7. Registrations are now open through the Activities Department. For more information, please call 786-0400, extension 242.

Big E Transportation Available From The Agawam Senior Center

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Music Flows At Heritage Hall Nursing Home



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME, West Building, held an old-fashioned square dance last week, much to the delight of residents at the home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bay State Gas Offers Tips For Upcoming Winter Season

It's not too early to prepare your home for the cold months ahead, according to Bay State Gas. By weatherizing your home now, you can increase your comfort and energy savings this winter.

According to Joe Tennihan, manager of Bay State Gas' Con-Serve division, adding insulation to your attic is the most cost-effective conservation improvement you can make to a home. "Since heat rises, adding attic insulation traps heat and helps keep your home warmer in the winter," Tennihan added. "Just as importantly, a well insulated home stays cooler in the summer, too."

In this region, insulation with a heat value of R-33 is best for insulating attic floors, while R-19 should be used to insulate walls—the second most common source of heat loss in a home. The "R" represents the insulation's ability to resist heat passing through it. The higher the "R" value, the greater the insulating ability.

Other conservation tips to consider now are the installation of storm windows or prime replacement windows and storm doors; having your furnace "tuned-up" to ensure efficient operation; checking the ductwork on a forced air heating system and sealing leaks at connection points with duct tape or caulking; and cleaning or replacing your furnace filter.

THE MONAHANS, Alyson, Jenifer, and Jim entertained residents at Heritage Hall last week. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



St. John's To Be Host Parish For Pius X Award & Buffet

St. John the Evangelist Church will be the host parish September 18th, for the West Hampden Deanery of the Roman Catholic Church celebration of its 12th Annual Pius X Award Liturgy and Buffet.

An individual from each parish in Russell, Southwick, Westfield, Agawam, and West Springfield, who has given outstanding effort for at least five years in religious education, will be honored at this time.

Liturgy will be in St. John's Church at 6:00 p.m., and buffet in the Parish Center immediately following. Donation is \$8.

Check our classifieds

St. John's Begins Fall Exercise Program

As St. John's exercise program begins its 11th year, we invite you to either return or join us this fall. Classes are held in St. John's gym, Main Street, Agawam, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Friday mornings, at 9:15 a.m.

At each class, we stretch, do centralized exercise, five to 10 minutes of low impact aerobics, and finish up with a cool-down period.

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VFW Jr. Girls' Unit Hold Coffee Hour At Soldier's Home

The Junior Girls' Unit to the Agawam Ladies Auxiliary 1632, recently held a coffee hour for the patients at Holyoke Soldier's Home. The girls served homemade cookies with the coffee.

Jamie Lee Croteau of West Springfield is the newest member to join the Agawam Unit under the leadership of Lydia Goupee, president. Girls six to 16 are invited to join the unit. Call Rita Shea, chairwoman, 732-0681, for more information.

Hospital work is one of six programs the Junior Girls' carry out, as relating to their auxiliary's programs.

At their October 4th meeting, the Agawam firemen will present the home safety film, geared to the TV version, "Family Feud." On October 8th, the state will hold their Junior Girls' Conference at the Agawam Post.

D. Vicki Sousa is state treasurer for the Junior Girls' unit; Lydia Goupee is patriotic instructor; Barbara Carra and Katie Mallett are state color bearers.

Because the Junior Girls' must join under a veteran who has the requirements to join the VFW, they will be accepted into an auxiliary of their choice when they turn 16.

Suffield High Class Of '43 Plans Reunion October 8th

Suffield High School Class of 1943 plans to hold its reunion, Saturday, October 8th, at Betty's Old Towne House, Agawam.

Ralph Merrill is chairman and acting toastmaster, and his committee includes Jane Sasali, Sheila Leahy, Gertrude Hastings, Lawrence Tavino, Glenn Spaulding, and Andrew Organek.

Cocktail hour is at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person. Please respond by September 22nd.

For more information, you may call any committee member.

ALEXANDER'S is now open in Feeding Hills. Stop by this weekend.

Adv. For Safe Environment Slate Tag, Bake & Food Sale

The Advocates For A Safe Environment (ASE) are devoted to raising public awareness to the toxic hazards associated with incineration.

The Advocates have also been promoting the benefits of recycling as a safe, responsible, and economical alternative.

The group is holding a Tag, Bake, and Food Sale, Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 1028 River Road, Agawam.

Springfield Planetarium To Close For Annual Maintenance

The planetarium at the Springfield Science Museum will be closed in September for annual maintenance. Planetarium shows will resume on Saturday, October 1st.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

For information, call the museum, 733-1194.

St. Andrew's Church Slates Fall Rummage Sale Sept. 24th

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 355 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, will hold its Fall Rummage Sale, Saturday, September 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clothing, jewelry, shoes, housewares, toys, books, and furniture will be available.

Agawam Historical Association Schedules Picnic Sept. 12th

Agawam Historical Association will start their programs for 1988-1989 with a picnic Monday, September 12th, at the home of Gene & Marilyn Louderback at 940 Main Street, Agawam.

Anyone interested in joining the association is welcome. Contact Wesley Bradford or Thomas Cascio for details.

Big E's Wine & Cheese Garden Featuring New England Fare

Early New Englanders made their wines from available fruits in the region such as blueberries, apples, cranberries, and, of course, grapes. These and other fruit wines will be served in the Wine Garden.

Attractive platters with New England crackers and cheeses, hot cheddar dip and chips, and mouthwatering harvest fruit trays are prepared for the tasters' delight.

At the non-alcoholic level, sparkling cider from Vermont and Poland Springs sparkling water from Maine will be ready to quench any fairgoer's thirst.

Every night of the 12-day fair at 6:30 p.m., visitors can enjoy the enchanting sounds of the talented folksinger, David Letellier.

Come enjoy the restful ambiance of the Wine Garden this year at The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," which runs September 14th-25th.

Good Jobs Still Available At Riverside Park

Good jobs are still available at Riverside Park, New England's biggest and best amusement park in Agawam.

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Anyone interested in joining the Riverside family team can stop by the Personnel Office any day between 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, call 786-9300. Riverside is open daily now through Labor Day, then weekends through the end of September.

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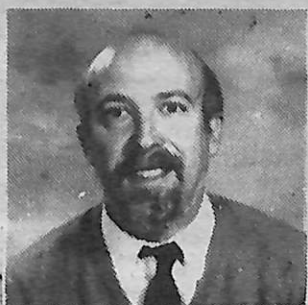
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Can Visualization Improve Golf Score & Bowling Skills?

DEAR DR. SOBEL:

I am a strong supporter of many of the views you express in your column. I read your advice religiously. A time ago you met with me in an effort to help train me in the use of "high performance visualization" (HPV) to help me improve my golfing skills.

You said it would take a short while to see results. Well, I am elated to let you and AAN readers know it really does work! Like you said, practicing your "imagining" exercises is the key, so that when I faced the actual tee-off, drive, or putt, I was comfortable in my ability to use the training.

I have tried so many techniques before and I bought better equipment. I almost gave up! The large volume of golfers here in the Pioneer valley should know more about your work—why don't you give a clinic?

My wife also wants to know if she can improve her bowling skills using your techniques.

Many Thanks,
B.C., Agawam

ANSWER:

I'm happy to hear about your results! I usually give "clinics" to small groups by special request.

I do think your wife can profit by learning more about the potential of learning and actively practicing visualization techniques.

The big obstacle in all of this is that people will practice for a short period of time, not see "drastic" results in improvement, and resort back to their poor habits/skills!

Some people will see results, like you, after a short period of time, while others take longer. "Imaging" is very effective and can bring out abilities/confidence levels that people never would have realized before.

For more information on my "high performance visualization" sessions, people may wish to call me at 785-1259.

Now that the fall golf season is approaching and winter bowling leagues will be here before we know it, I get many requests, so call early! Thanks for the comments that I'm sure our readers appreciate.

STRESS CHECK—(a special service to AAN readers).

1. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, people live the longest in the following states. (Statistics are from 1979-81). (A) Hawaii; (B) Minnesota; (C) Iowa; (D) Utah; (E) North Dakota. (Massachusetts was 13, and Connecticut was 12). There are several factors involved in determining these statistics.

2. Seminar ("Prescription For Success & Happiness"), information available by calling Dr. Sobel, 785-1259. (Dates are October 19th and November 2nd—both in the evening). Register early to reserve space. Contact hours awarded as well.

3. Because our readers are so enthusiastic about results: For AAN readers only: 15 percent off any "High Performance Visualization" session—if used by October 20th.

Premenstrual Syndrome Group At Mercy Hospital

"Premenstrual Syndrome Support Group" is being held at the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, September 13th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Newcomers should arrive at 6:30 p.m., to complete an assessment form and watch a video on PMS. This program offers an opportunity for women to share ideas about premenstrual syndrome, and learn more about incidence rates, common symptoms, evaluation procedures, and recommendations for management. Fee: \$5. Reservations are requested; call 785-4637.

The "Mastectomy Support Group" of the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital will meet on Tuesday, September 20th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Women who have experienced mastectomy or have been diagnosed as having breast cancer are invited to discuss their concerns, problems and feelings with others. No charge. Reservations are requested; call 785-4637.

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital is presenting an educational program on "The Menopausal Years" on Tuesday, September 27th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Topics include why menopause occurs, physical and emotional symptoms, and methods of management. Registration fee is \$3. Reservations are requested; call 785-4637.

These programs are being held at the Women's Pavilion, located under the canopy of 209 Carew Street, Springfield, on the Mercy Hospital Campus. For more information, call the Pavilion, 785-4637.

YOUR BACK & YOUR HEALTH

by Dr. Joseph & Dr. Katherine Schlaffer - Chiropractors



Many people suffer various manifestations of allergic reaction especially during the spring, summer, and fall. Symptoms include sinus headache, hives, itchy eyes, eczema, congestion, irritation of the nasal passages, and other mucous membranes.

While allergy is a broad category, the symptoms are generally considered to be the result of excessive histamine levels from tissue breakdown in the presence of an irritant. The irritants can be pollen, dust, fungi, cosmetics, animal dandruff, etc., and are usually a type of protein. These are called antigens.

Allergies can make a particular season unbearable. Dealing effectively with your allergy can be frustrating. Numerous over-the-counter products or prescriptions provide only temporary relief at best. When the drug wears off, the symptoms again return. Unfortunately

the underlying cause of the problem is not being corrected by these products. Many have detrimental side effects.

It is important to understand that it is normal for a variety of antigens (proteins, pollens, dust, etc.) to exist in our environment. The normal healthy body effectively neutralizes these antigens. Certain individuals have bodies that are not functioning the way they should and are unable to neutralize the antigens. These are the allergy sufferers. Once this is understood, it is possible to understand why doctors of chiropractic can successfully help many people with allergies after other approaches have failed.

As a past allergy sufferer, I saw many types of doctors for a condition that began in my teens and got progressively worse. The spring and summer months were no longer my favorite time of year. I began to dread their approach. Finally, after a lot of money and many medical experts, I visited with a doctor of chiropractic and the cause was found. Within a relatively short period of time, my allergies were much improved.

Problems in the spine, especially the upper spine, may impair the proper function of the nerve system. The result may be the allergic problems described above. A chiropractic examination could reveal a previously undetected problem and allow the cause to be removed.

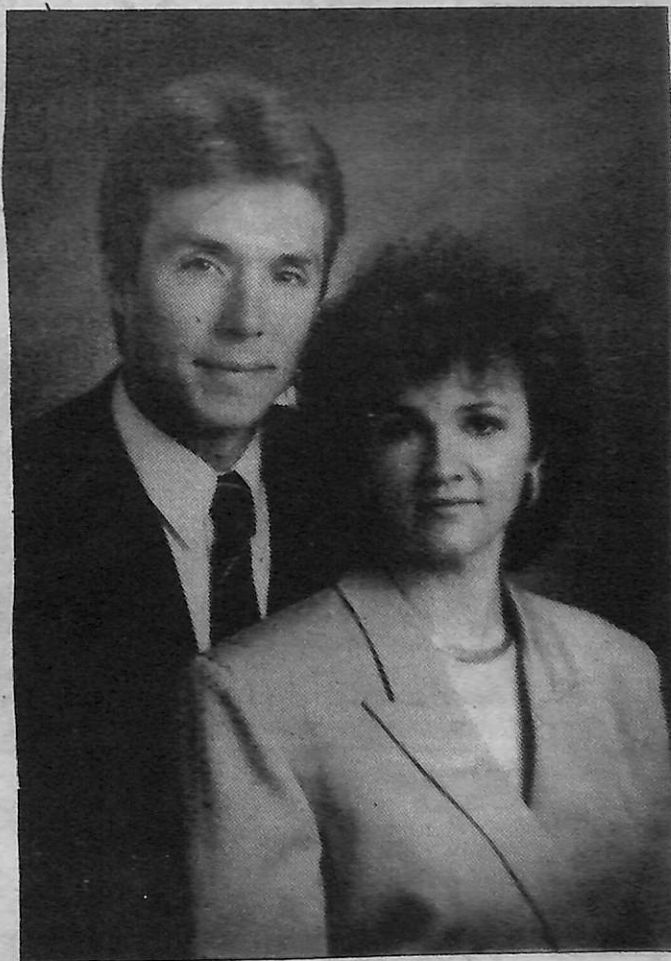
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Laughing Brook Has Twilight Events For Families In September

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, invites you to observe the spectacle of hawk migration, paddle down the lovely Quinebog River, get the best view of Mars in over 15 years, or to take part in a twilight walk for families lit by the Harvest Moon. Registrations are currently being accepted for these adult and family programs. Pre-registration is required three days in advance of each program.

Hawk And Hawkwatching, Friday, September 9th, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each September thousands of hawks can be seen soaring overhead as they migrate to their wintering grounds. Learn the basics of hawkwatching during this two-part program. On Friday evening, Massachusetts Audubon Master Naturalist Tom Tynning will introduce the natural history and field marks of local raptors. The Saturday field trip to Mt. Tom will provide an excellent vantage point for observing migrating hawks. Participants must be at least 12 years-old. Fees for the series are \$12 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$15 for non-members.

Canoeing The Quinebog, Saturday, September 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Quinebog River meanders through field, forest, and farmland as it flows from Holland Pond towards Sturbridge. An easy paddle with stops along the way to investigate flora and fauna will make for an enjoyable fall day. We provide the canoes and equipment. Participants must be able to swim and be at least 12-years old. Fees for the program are \$15 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$18 for non-members.

Behold The Planets, Friday, September 23rd, 7:30 p.m. Join local astronomers Dave Gallup, Jack Megaw and Richard Sanderson to observe a very special celestial event. Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter will be visible in the nighttime sky with Mars at its closest approach to Earth since 1971. A brief indoor introduction will be followed by an outdoor viewing session. Fees for the program are \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$4 for non-members.

Shine On Harvest Moon, Sunday, September 25th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Celebrate the Harvest Moon, the full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox, by taking part in this family program. A moonlit walk will end with a campfire sing-a-long and harvest treats. Fees for the program are \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$4 for non-members.

For more information about these programs or a current Laughing Brook program brochure, call 566-8034.

Big E Has Deep Roots In Agricultural Past

The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," in West Springfield, may have the appearance of a large entertainment event, but its roots are in agriculture.

In 1916, The Big E, at that time known as the "Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition," opened its gates for the first time. The fair that year represented a chance for New Englanders to view the finest livestock and machinery of the era and hear new ideas about farming. The main attraction that year was the National Dairy Show.

The following year the "Eastern States Exposition and Dairy Show" featured the first National Vegetable Show, horticulture and fruit exhibits, and added sheep, swine, beef cattle, and ponies to its list of livestock exhibits. And as the 1917 program stated, "There will be just enough and not too much entertainment to provide a properly balanced ration with the more serious educational features."

The Big E, now in its 67th year, continues to provide an educational experience for hundreds of thousands of city folk, while, to the agricultural community, it is known as "The Showcase of the East," with numerous opportunities to exhibit their best livestock and products.

The livestock show now features competition for 30 breeds of livestock, including several breeds of sheep, beef and dairy cattle, horses, and hogs. There are market shows for hogs, lambs, and beef cattle. There will also be a national Cheviot sheep show.

Other events include the handmade woolen articles competition, fleece judging, a fleece to fabric contest, shearing contests, and a spinning bee. The working steer contest, a timed event in which youths maneuver their hitched animals around various obstacles, is another popular event. The jackpot steer contest rounds off the competitive action.

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Popular Canadian On Long List Of Big E's Great Hits

"I really do believe God has given me a special gift...a gift to entertain children," says the Irish born, now true blue Canadian Sandra Beech.

Ms. Beech, who has a talent for entertaining and teaching her audience at the same time, will perform her songs and stories daily, September 14th-25th, at the Big E in West Springfield. She will appear at the Storowton Gazebo at 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m.

The singer says she likes to perform at fairs because of the wide range of audiences she attracts. "At a fair, I get to entertain the whole family and the songs I do are very much family songs. They're the type you sing when you go camping or in the family car or on a school bus trip," explains Ms. Beech.

Ms. Beech began her singing career in Ireland when she was only four years-old. She moved with her family to Canada when she was 11. As she grew up her brothers, Will and George, now the world renowned Irish Rovers, often accompanied her in performance.

Her first big break as a solo performer in Canada came when she performed the "Block Parent Song." She then joined an Ontario school touring program, which enabled her to teach her songs to children all over the province.

Ms. Beech's brother, Will, suggested to Sandra's husband, Len, that instead of investing big money in stocks and bonds, he should invest in his wife, as she could produce a children's album. The next thing she knew, the money was in the bank and her first album, "Chickery Chick" was in the works.

Her second album, "Inch by Inch," won a Canadian Juno award for best children's album.

Next came "Sunshine Songs," then "Sidewalk Shuffle." Ms. Beech has a video out, as well, and her music is featured in a song-and-book package, called "Songs About Animals and Others." She is hard at work completing her fifth children's album and is the subject of a recently published "Sandra Beech Coloring Book."

The multi-talented entertainer has performed across Canada and in the British Isles. Ms. Beech has also made numerous television appearances.

She is accompanied in performance by her own musicians and by her special friend Chickery Chick and "Wee" Leprechaun.

This year's 67th annual Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," is expected to attract over one million fairgoers.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his Agawam home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message.

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Hurricane Watchers To Remember '38 At The Big E

Weather watchers and storm chasers be on the lookout for "Hurricane Day" on September 21st at The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair." Volunteers are needed throughout the 12-day fair, September 14th to 25th, at the exhibit which helps commemorate the Hurricane of 1938. The storm roared into New England 50 years ago on the same date, interrupting the run of the 22nd annual Eastern States Exposition.

The special hurricane exhibit, located in the New England Center for the duration of the fair, will feature stories, recollections, and photos of the Hurricane of '38 and its aftermath at the fair.

"Weather" you have an uncontrollable interest in hurricanes or other storms, you are invited to take part in this hurricane exhibit and be a part of the 67th Big E.

If you are outgoing and personable, and like working with the public, then don't miss this perfect opportunity "blowing" at your door. Volunteers will be asked to hand out literature on hurricanes and circulate throughout the exhibit. You need not be knowledgeable on hurricanes as this can be a learning experience for you as well.

Volunteers receive free admission and parking, and hours are flexible. The work schedule will be set up in four-hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily, so volunteers have the opportunity to enjoy The Big E.

Call Helen Bardwell at 787-0158 for more information.

Over one million visitors are expected to attend New England's Great State Fair.

Coors Gallery Of Women Featured At The Big E

"Coors Gallery of Women," a stunning photographic exhibit of women with fascinating lives, sponsored by the Adolph Coors Company, will be featured at The Big E from September 14-25 in West Springfield, MA.

Located in the New England Center, the exhibit will consist of tall, graceful and softly lit plexiglass panels containing photographs of women's faces, sensitive enough to tell a story without words. Women from both the past and present are honored for their contributions to the arts, health, sciences, sports and government.

"We Are You," is the theme used for the exhibit about women who have set high goals for their lives, encouraged other women towards independence and made the world better for others.

The exhibit, which has appeared at the Minnesota State Fair, the National Association of Museums, and the Chicago Daley Center, honors the accomplishments of women such as Sarah Caldwell, for founding The Opera Company of Boston; Isadora Duncan, for liberating dance forms of the 20th century; Annie Turnbo-Malone, for developing a line of black cosmetics; Sara Josephine Baker, for reducing infant mortality; Ada Deer, for reestablishing a Wisconsin Indian tribe and Amelia Earhart, for being the first woman to fly a plane across the Atlantic.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—The Big Blue: 1½ STARS

Directed by noted filmmaker Luc Besson (*Subway*) and based on a true story, this French-produced drama deals with the now-banned sport of underwater free-diving (whereby brave divers swim to dangerous depths without the aid of an oxygen tank), and in particular, with one diver (Jean-Marc Barr) whose obsessive love for the sea is rivaled by his ever-growing affection for a young American woman (Rosanna Arquette).

The Big Blue, which premiered at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival this past spring, contains some of the most exquisite and breathtaking underwater photography that has ever been committed to celluloid, and this exceptionally high quality of cinematography is bound to earn an Academy Award nomination at next year's Oscar ceremony.

Unfortunately, this technical virtuosity is the only thing that's actually worthwhile about the picture. In addition to featuring some pretty unimpressive acting, the movie is saddled with a bizarre, paper-thin plot which implies the fanciful notion that its leading character (portrayed by the aforementioned Barr) is some kind of superhuman being because of the unbelievable abilities which he demonstrates whenever he is in the water.

In short, *The Big Blue* is a highfalutin, esoteric, yet visually interesting film that can be enjoyed while you are watching it, but is immediately forgettable once you leave the confines of a movie theater.

—The Last Temptation of Christ: 4 STARS

Based on Nikos Kazantzakis's novel of the same title and not on any of the four Gospels, this extremely controversial religious drama focuses on the latter events in the life of Jesus of Nazareth (Willem Dafoe) and suggests the idea that while he was the son of God, the human portion of his being made him as susceptible to earthly and Satanic temptations as any normal man, and that it occasionally caused him to doubt the divinity of his own spirit.

Unless you've been living in a faraway cave for the last month or so, you must be well aware of the fact that *The Last Temptation of Christ* has sparked a wave of vehement protest around our nation. Having been described as "blasphemous filth" by a variety of religious organizations, this picture will undoubtedly go down as one of the most, if not THE most, hotly debated films to have ever come out of Hollywood.

However, with all respect to the deeply-felt feelings of its detractors, I have to admit that I, like a large number of critics throughout the country, found *The Last Temptation of Christ* to be a thoroughly compelling and superbly crafted motion picture.

To be sure, movies of a religious nature are guaranteed to evoke an array of emotionally-charged opinions; yet, at the same time, an intelligent and thought-provoking film such as this one deserves careful consideration and commentary and not inflammatory and reactionary criticism.

To me, *The Last Temptation of Christ* is not a blasphemous or anti-religious story that attacks the teachings of the New Testament. Instead, it presents us with a "what if..." situation relating to an all-important figure within the realm of human history and theology.

Upholding the Christian belief that Jesus of Nazareth was the son of God, the picture also centers on the fact that he was a living and breathing human being. Consequently, as its plot purports, his essential sense of humanity possibly—just possibly—made him capable of making mistakes in judgement when it came to realizing his own identity.

And, it is this all-too-human quality which enhances the enthralling dramatic conflict of *The Last Temptation of Christ*. From beginning to end, director Martin Scorsese (*The Color of Money*) and screenwriter Paul Schrader (*Cat People*) depict Jesus as a man who inner fiber was torn between the demands of the flesh and the responsibilities of the soul. Therefore, his steadfast withstanding of a number of temptations seems especially glorious and triumphant when he eventually accepts and acknowledges his ultimate destiny, and this is particularly true during the movie's riveting climax while Jesus is being crucified on the cross and is tempted to imagine what his life would have been like if he had resisted his divine calling and experienced a mortal existence as a husband and father.

In the meantime, *The Last Temptation of Christ* is also very fascinating on a purely cinematic level. Filmed in Morocco, the picture is quite successful in recreating the look and feel of the story's Biblical locale, and its dusty and weatherbeaten sets convey an aura of authenticity and realism that is perfectly com-

plemented by musician-composer Peter Gabriel's Arabic-Middle Eastern score.

What's more, the movie boasts a fine cast of performers that includes Harvey Keitel (*Wise Guys*) as a gruff and tough-minded Judas Iscariot; Barbara Hershey (*Hoosiers*) in the part of the sultry and hot-tempered Mary Magdalene; Andre Gregory (*The Mosquito Coast*) as the crusty and zealous John the Baptist; and singer-turned-actor David Bowie (*Labyrinth*), who turns in an outstanding supporting portrayal as a curly diplomatic Pontius Pilate.

However, it is Dafoe's (*Off Limits*) depiction of the title role which is the most stirring and memorable. Best known for his Oscar-nominated performance as the "good" sergeant in *Platoon*, this intense young actor lights up the screen by portraying Jesus as a man who possesses the commanding strength and passion that is needed in order to be a great spiritual leader, as well as a sense of fallibility that makes him easy to empathize with.

Although I do regard it as one of the best films of 1988, I do not wholeheartedly recommend *The Last Temptation of Christ* for everyone because its earthy, unconventional approach to the subject of Jesus of Nazareth is bound to offend the religious convictions of some people. But, if you are interested in seeing it and think that it won't be an affront to your personal beliefs, then the chances are good that you'll find *The Last Temptation of Christ* to be an intellectually-stimulating picture which, in the end, makes for a faith-affirming and most unique moviegoing experience.

—Mac and Me: 0 STARS

A nauseatingly sappy, science-fiction drama in which a family of mysterious alien creatures (also known as Macs) accidentally travel to Earth, and how the youngest of these extraterrestrial beings is eventually befriended by a wheelchair-bound little boy (newcomer Jade Cauley).

Not only is it a blatant rip-off of Steven Spielberg's *E.T.—the Extra-Terrestrial*, but *Mac and Me* is basically a 90-minute advertisement for two well-known American institutions—McDonald's and Coca-Cola. During the course of the story, the littlest of the Macs and a group of children attend a birthday party held at a McDonald's restaurant and meet that patron saint of "fast food," Ronald McDonald. (Incidentally, the ads for *Mac and Me* boast that this appearance marks Mr. McDonald's feature film debut.)

Furthermore, the Macs are ultimately saved from dehydration in a Californian desert by a generous helping of Coca-Cola, thereby rendering this popular soft drink as the actual hero of this picture.

However, the worst thing about *Mac and Me* is that its conclusion leads us to believe that a sequel might

be forthcoming. Thus, I strongly suggest that parents everywhere avoid this flick like the plague.

After all, considering the all-consuming sweetness of this particular storyline, your children don't need any additional sugar in their lives, do they?

—A Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master: 1 STAR

In this third sequel to the blockbuster 1985 chiller *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, that wraithlike nemesis by the name of Freddy Krueger (reprised once again by Robert Englund) is still invading the dreams of sleeping teenagers and murdering these hapless youths in the process, particularly those who tried to oppose him in the past.

But, this time around, good old Freddy has his hands full with Alice (Lisa Wilcox), an adolescent girl who possesses imaginative powers that might just be formidable enough to defeat this most deadly villain once and for all.

While I admit that I have admired the *Elm Street* thrillers for their consistently eye-catching and state-of-the-art effects, I have never given one of them a recommendation, and the latest installment is no exception. Though it does have some genuinely creepy moments, this sequel is a poorly paced and blandly acted imitation of its immediate predecessor, and its overall lack of freshness renders it as a completely predictable and generally boring endeavor.

To no one's surprise, *A Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master* is currently reaping some big bucks at the box office, but a good number of Freddy Krueger fans whom I have spoken to were more than a bit disappointed with its less-than-modest results. As a consequence, it stands to reason that Freddy's present status among filmgoers will soon be on the wane, and that he is starting to wear out his welcome among patrons of horror pictures.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—The Big Blue: Rated PG for mature situations and language.

—The Last Temptation of Christ: Rated R for some graphic bloodshed, explicit nudity, and provocatively adult and controversial themes and situations.

—Mac and Me: Rated PG for some mild violence. (Or, in the case of this movie, PG could stand for Pure Garbage.)

—A Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master: Rated R for gruesomely gory special effects.

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Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante
Fugazy Travel



A "Great" Trip!

Deana, our receptionist, recently returned from a trip to Vancouver (her dream city), and Victoria, Canada, and Seattle, Washington. Her spirit is still floating around somewhere out West. She'll never be the same "Ole Deana" again. I interviewed her about the trip and I can't tell you how many times she used the word "great."

Her flights on Delta were "great." What added to the excitement of flying for the first time was the Country and Western music available through the headset. She's a "great" Country and Western fan.

She arrived late on a Thursday night in Seattle where her hotel for the night was The Warwick. She describes it as "beautiful." Her bed was "comfy," but she was so excited she couldn't sleep. The view of the water from her room was "great!"

Day one started with a four-hour ride on the ferry "Princess Marguerite" from Seattle to Victoria. Breakfast was served on the boat. It was cold, but the scenery was "great!" She was impressed with Victoria and the lamp-posts which had baskets of hanging flowers. Her city tour took her to Butchart Gardens which was "huge and gorgeous." Her hotel in Victoria was the Executive Inn. Her suite was nice but not as plush as The Warwick.

On day two she woke up on a high, thinking "I'm going to Vancouver today!" It was a 90 minute trip, was

by B.C. Steamship, and then a fairly long bus ride from the harbor to downtown. Her city tour took her to the 1,000-acre Stanley Park and "Gas Town," home of the world's only steam run clock (and where they serve "great" cappuccino). The Gray Line bus driver was knowledgeable (and had "great" green eyes).

Everyone went to bed early, but not Deana. She stayed up most of the night looking out of the window at her favorite city and wishing she could've stayed longer. She didn't get to see the zoo, planetarium, aquarium, etc., etc. Good reason to go back, Deana.

Day three was her birthday. She started with a three-hour bus ride back to Seattle. She took a tour of "Pike's Place" shopping plaza where she was introduced to "Goosey Ducks"—(huge clams); went to Chittenden Locks where there are underwater viewing windows to see the salmon ladders which provide passage between Puget Sound and the city's fresh water lakes; went to the top of the space needle; and saw Kingdome Stadium where spectators can view football games from their boats.

The evening was spent at "Thirteen Coins" where she introduced Seattle to the "Alabama Slammer." You'll have to ask her for the recipe. She was disappointed when she heard she just missed Waylon Jennings—but she got to see him at the airport. Sounds like Deana had a "great time!" It took her a while but she's finally back to reality.

JOTS FROM JULIE: Heard from another bag lady. She says she looks for the stores that have the better bags. Some are heavier—some have drawstrings. J.C. Penney has pretty good bags.

Can you believe it? This is my anniversary with *The Agawam Advertiser News*. I've been writing this column for three years. Time flies when you're having fun!

I'm still looking for people to sign-up for the April 29th sailing of the *Sovereign of the Seas*. It's a great ship—don't miss out! Inside cabins are \$1,225 per person based on double occupancy (a savings of \$255 per person off the brochure rate), and outside cabins are \$1,345 per person (a savings of \$280 per person).

If you'd like to come aboard, call me at Fugazy Travel, 732-3153.

"Girls Next Door" To Perform At Big E

The all-female vocal group, Girls Next Door, will join a trio of males known as the Jack D'Johns in entertaining fairgoers at The Big E's Miller American Bandshell, September 14th-25th.

Girls Next Door will present free performances at the bandshell, September 14th-19th at 12:30, 2:00, and 7:30 p.m., while the Jack D'Johns will appear September 20th-25th at 12:30, 2:00, and 7:30 p.m.

"We are a very positive female group for the '80's," says Girl Next Door Cindy Nixon. "We want people to know that we are four intelligent women with minds of our own who are all happily married, and that we do balance home and career."

Comprised of Nixon, Doris King, Diane Williams, and Tammy Stephens, Girls Next Door was discovered by producer Tommy West and was signed to MTM records in 1984. Following a grueling two-year tenure on the road, Girls Next Door scored big with their first two singles, "Love Will Get You Through Times of No Money" and "Slow Boat to China," from their self-titled debut album.

Contemporary in sound, their country-flavored tunes, a credit to their apprenticeship at Nashville's Opryland USA theme park, are heavily influenced by pop, rock, gospel, and jazz.

Girls Next Door have performed in concert halls and arenas across the country sharing the bill with the Oak Ridge Boys and the Judds, and have made numerous television appearances and performed in Las Vegas.

The Jack D'Johns are a star attraction at expositions and fairs all over the country and in Canada. They are also popular Las Vegas performers.

Trumpet, keyboard, and drums combined with mellow vocal harmonies are the group's trademark in a repertoire that runs from pop music to light classical, with a touch of upbeat humor.

Comprised of Jack Gonsalves and brothers, John and Dan Majkut, the group met in high school when they were all members of the school band. They became the Jack D'Johns in the mid-60's, playing Boston area clubs before graduating to headliners.

They have shared the stage with Kenny Rogers, Bob Hope, Barbara Mandrell, Bill Cosby, and more. Their popularity has resulted in playing the Minnesota State Fair for 12 seasons, the Utah State Fair for 10, the Milwaukee Home Show and Kentucky State Fair for eight, and the Wisconsin State Fair for seven.

Over one million fairgoers are expected to attend this year's 67th annual Big E, "New England's Great State Fair" and largest fair in the East.

Ag. Repertory Theatre Gets New Home

The former home of StageWest is the new home of the Agawam Repertory Theatre, a community group that has been successfully producing plays in Western Massachusetts since the late 50's. The season will open with a blockbuster murder mystery, "I'll Be Back Before Midnight!" by Peter Colley.

Appropriate for the Halloween season, the compelling special effects will create a chilling atmosphere on

October 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Can you imagine a cross between an Agatha Christie mystery and a Hitchcock thriller? You'll be on the edge of your seat one minute and laughing the next.

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Ice Capades Coming To Springfield

This year's rainbow-splashed edition of Ice Capades, "Return to Romance," will begin an eight-day engagement at the Springfield Civic Center on Wednesday, October 12th, at 7:30 p.m. Additional performances are October 13th at 7:30 p.m.; October 14th at 7:30 p.m.; October 15th at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, October 16th, at 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Headlining the ice virtuosity of Olympic and World Silver Medalist Elizabeth Manley, as well as that of Olympic Bronze Medalists and three time U.S. Pairs Champions Jill Watson and Peter Oppgaard, this season's edition of North America's all-time favorite skating show salutes the exhilaration of love and romance all over the world.

Glittering production spectacles featured in the exciting skating show include "A Reckless Voyage," a lavish swashbuckling journey above and beneath the sea; "The California Raisins World Tour," introducing those fabulous rockin' raisins, and the show's skyrocketing finale, "C'est Magnifique!" a skating whirl through the sights and sounds of Paris, 1905.

Tickets for all performances, priced at \$11.50 and \$10, go on sale Monday, September 19th, at the Civic Center Box Office and all Ticketron Outlets. All opening night tickets are half price. There is a \$2.50 discount on tickets for the Sunday, October 16th performance at 5:00 p.m. Youths (16 and under) and senior citizens (62 and over) save \$2 per ticket on all other performances. Phone-charges will be accepted at 787-6600 and 1-800-382-8080.

Fall Basket Course To Be Taught

Springfield artisan, Lorrie Scranton, is teaching "New Baskets for Fall," beginning on Tuesday, September 27th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

This course is designed for both beginning and experienced basketmakers. All the baskets are new to Scranton's curriculum. Students will master basic skills and learn more complex techniques when completing the following three baskets: small market basket in a rectangular shape, with a handle and made from flat reed; melon basket with a complete God's eye and handle, made with round and flat reed; and a shuttle basket that is a flat wall basket, made with a long side and a short side. In addition to these three baskets, students will also make a holiday arrangement out of reed.

Pre-registration and prepayment are required, and must be received at least one week before the first class session. Tuition is \$31 for Springfield Library and Museums Association members, and \$34 for non-members. In addition, there is a \$20 materials fee payable directly to the instructor on the first evening of class. Please call the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum for more information concerning registration and supplies, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Swingles Square Dance Club Sets "Learn To Dance" Nights

The Swingles Square Dance Club, the only single club in Western Massachusetts, will sponsor a "Learn To Square Dance-Fun Night," Wednesday, September 14th and 21st, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus, 63 Park Avenue, West Springfield.

Jerry Benoit will call and teach the lessons. No partner is necessary; it is a great way to meet people. Spectators are welcome.

Westfield Theatre Group Plans Auditions For November Play

The Westfield Theater Group will hold auditions for the Neil Simon comedy, "Barefoot in the Park," September 14th and 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Westfield Woman's Club Theater, 21 Court Street, Westfield.

Roles are available for four men and two women. Production dates will be November 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th. For additional information, call 568-8149 or 733-5254.

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Rythmn & Blues Music Coming To Big E

Performing songs that cross the musical spectrum from southern rock to rhythm and blues and from pop to country, Epic recording artists Exile will perform free in concert at the Big E's Miller American Bandshell, September 20th to 22nd at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

This year's Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," runs September 14th to 25th, in West Springfield.

Today Exile's nine number one singles have earned the group numerous awards for songwriting and performing. But Exile's conversion to country came only after the success of their number one, multi-million selling pop hit, "Kiss You All Over."

As Exile's bassist and vocalist Sonny Lemaire explains it, pop music during the 70's moved toward a high-tech sound that Exile felt was inappropriate for their songs. "Our music is our greatest love, but as songwriters, our lyrics just didn't fit into the new dance sound that was emerging. So we went back to our homes in Kentucky, returned to our early musical roots, and began writing new songs," explained Lemaire.

Exile's new songs, "written for people who just happened to be from Nashville," noted Lemaire, quickly

rose to the top of the country charts for country music's most prominent artists such as Alabama, Kenny Rogers, Juice Newton, and Janie Fricke.

As their songs became number one records for other artists, the recording industry took notice of their talent in the field of country, and CBS' Epic Records in Nashville signed the group to an exclusive recording contract.

Exile's own albums rose to the top of the charts and the country music community honored them with nominations from the Country Music Association as the Vocal Group of the Year in 1985, 1986, and 1987, and for Instrumental Group of the Year in 1985. The Academy of Country Music has also nominated Exile for the Top Vocal Group in 1983, 1984, and 1985.

As songwriters, member J.P. Pennington and Sonny Lemaire were honored in 1986 with the prestigious BMI Songwriters of the Year award. They have also gathered 22 other pop and country songwriting awards, and Pennington is a two-time recipient of BMI's Millionaire Award which honors songs which have received one million radio airings.



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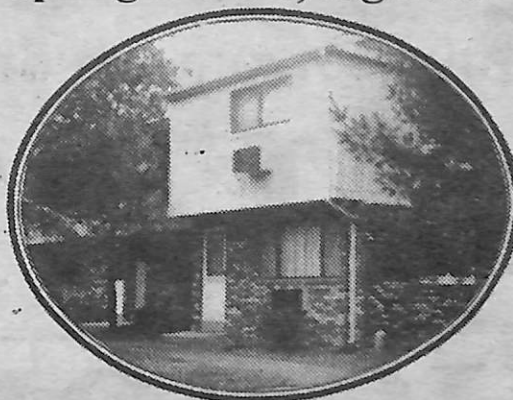
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Education

Teachers' Union Reps. Attend Annual Week At Williams College

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

"Success Starts With Us" was the theme of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association (MTA) 17th Annual Williamstown Conference held August 15th to 19th at Williams College.

Thirteen instructors and administrators from Agawam were included in the group of approximately 1,000 educators across the state in attendance this year.

Agawam Education Association (AEA) Executive Director Judi Lech said, "There were 10 main tracks this year, 9 mini-tracks, a special track on 'Educating the Minority Child' and electives for particular workshops."

Agawam High teacher Larry O'Brien assisted in planning, organizing and administering the conference program again this year. O'Brien has been reappointed for another three-year term as President of the Hampden County Teacher's Association.

Vice-President for the secondary level of AEA, Tom Collins, also of Agawam High, again conducted some of the workshops for the industrial arts during the "Occupational/Vocational" mini-track. Other mini-tracks included "Education Support Personnel," "Higher Education," "Research," "Retirement," "Second Language Acquisition (SLA) and Bilingual Education," "Minority Affairs," and "School Administrators."

Agawam Junior High School Assistant Principal Kevin Littlefield attended the "Administrator" track for the first time as an administrator, although he has come in previous years as a teacher. This track was expanded this year with more participation on the part of teachers and their interrelationships with administrators.

"School psychologists, counselors, and nurses discussed problems that children are having with families in this day and age with the teachers," said Mrs. Lech.

This mini-track was titled "Helping Children Cope With Life."

Mrs. Lech, who also serves as Secretary for the MTA Health & Safety Investigation Team, was part of a booth set-up at the conference which distributed informational pamphlets about these issues. She said, "We have had people come to us with concerns at their various schools."

She continued, "As public employees we (educators) are not covered by OSHA or other strong monitoring units. We are preparing a survey to individual MTA members to address their concerns about health and safety issues at their various schools."

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Air Demonstration At Barnes Airport



LOCAL STUDENTS

James O'Brien, Keith Dahlke, and Jason Gibby attended an A-10 jetfighter aircraft armament systems loading demonstration at Barnes Airport in Westfield on August 24th. They were hosted by Staff Sergeant Dennis Desroches. Anyone interested in more info on the Air National Guard should contact Sergeant Val Melloni at 568-9215.

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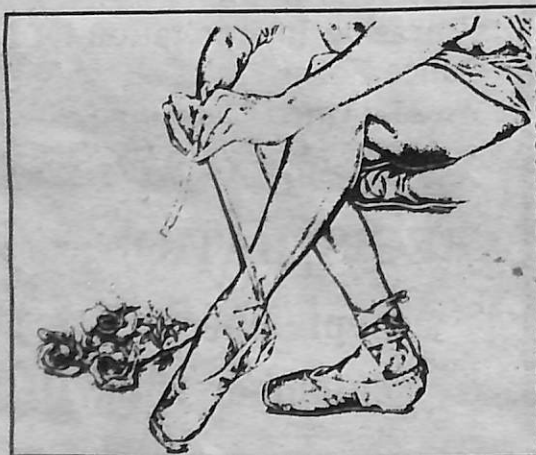
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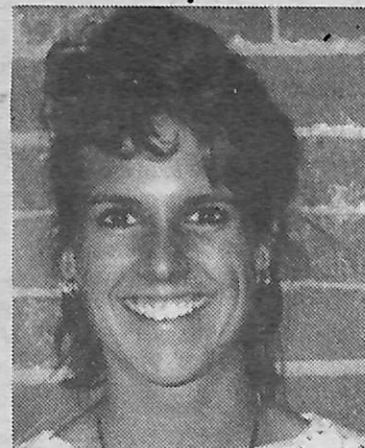
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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, September 12th: Pizza with cheese and tomato sauce topping, tossed garden salad with french dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, September 13th: Hamburg in roll, macaroni salad, buttered green beans, cheese fingers, applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, September 14th: Baked chicken nuggets, buttered mixed vegetables, whipped potatoes, honey and mayonnaise, apple coffee cake, milk.

Thursday, September 15th: Meatballs in spaghetti sauce, buttered macaroni noodles, green beans, fruit cup or raspberry jello with topping, milk.

Friday, September 16th: Oven baked fish nuggets, potato puffs, niblet corn, tartar sauce and catsup, ice cream cup, milk.

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AEA Tester Jane Murphy and Robinson Park teacher Patricia Murphy were first-time conference attendees. They participated in the highlighted "Special Education," which was added this year as a full track.

AEA President Gail Dion, Vice-President for elementary level Glorijean Scheiber, Secretary Joanne Brown, Treasurer Patricia Burnette, Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan, and Shirley Lertora, Miriam Mackler, and Miriam Hirschaut, who came for a day to the workshops, complete the list of the 13 Agawam participants.

Mrs. Brown said, "The Commissioner of Education came down to talk to all the local presidents about the cuts in E.E.O.G. funds. Almost 1,000 teachers wrote to Governor Dukakis to ask him to reinstate this money."

Other full tracks were, "Instruction and Professional Development," "Communications," "Legal," "Organizing," "Political Action," "President," "Treasurer," and "Labor School" which had two parts—"Contract Maintenance" and "Negotiations."

Mrs. Dion has agreed to chair the State Committee on Negotiation Trends.

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Sarah E. Lynn

Sarah E. Lynn Selected As Outstanding College Student

Outstanding College Students of America is pleased to announce that Sarah E. Lynn has been selected as a new member because of outstanding merit and accomplishment as an American college student.

Sarah is the grandchild of Mrs. Ralph D. Pond of Agawam.

Zenith Colorguard Has Several Openings

Interested in marching with the area's only winter colorguard? Join Zenith Colorguard of Springfield. Preparation for the 1988-1989 season is now underway. After having a very successful 87-88 season, plans are being made for a very competitive year.

Flag and rifle positions are available to anyone who is interested with no tryouts. No experience is necessary, just dedication and hard work. Marching and twirling techniques will be taught by qualified instructors. A new theme will be introduced along with a totally new uniform which will be different from the past.

A schedule of competitions will include trips to Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York.

If you are interested in joining this fast-growing sport, like to travel, meet people and have a good time, call now. For information, call Elizabeth Sosnowich, 786-9551; Nelson Abodeeb, 783-2405; or Pauline Provost, 789-1088.

Guidance Dept. News From Middle School

by Mrs. Ellen Freeman & Mr. Thomas Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselors

With the opening of school, the Middle School Counselors would like to urge the parents of fifth and sixth grade students to keep in contact with their child's progress and with the school. Parents may call the counselors at any time to check on their child's school achievement.

If students develop good study habits early in the year, they are more likely to be successful. Parents are advised to monitor homework to be sure it is completed. Regular attendance is also an important part of academic success.

Parents are reminded to please call the school and send a note when their child is absent. It is important that the school know where each child is at all times.

Mrs. Una Dobek, our school nurse, will be sending home a blank emergency information card for parents of fifth grade students to fill out, and a medical history form for parents to review. Parents are asked to return these forms by way of their child as soon as possible. It is important for the nurse to have current information in order to adequately assess each student's health needs and to be able to contact parents quickly should any problems arise.

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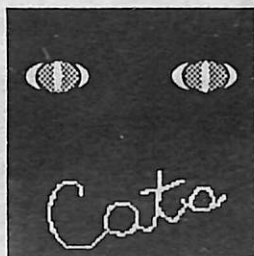
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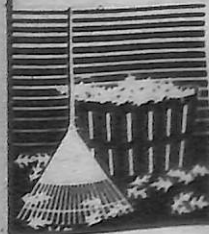
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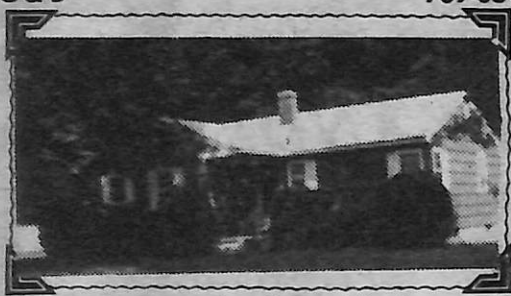
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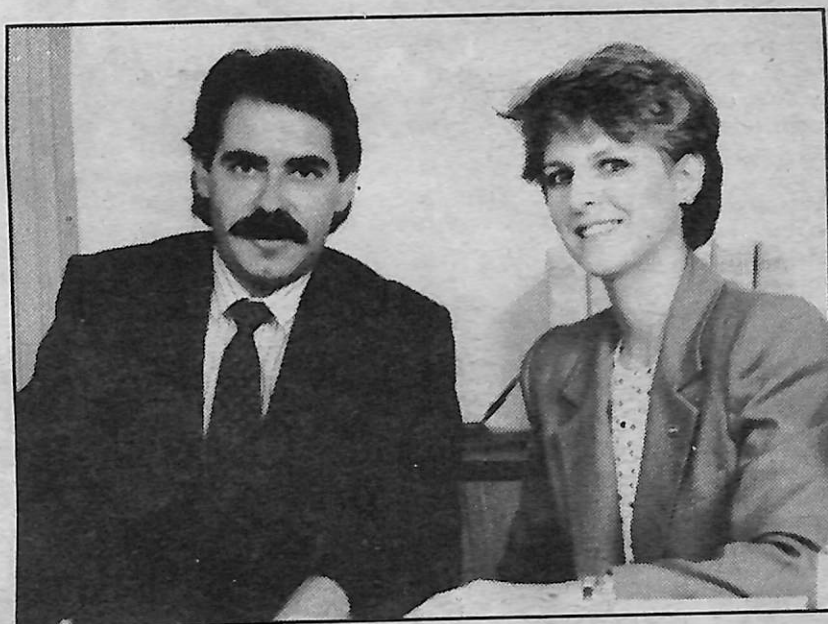
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Mary Ann Studio To Start 31st Year Of Teaching Dance

Celebrating her 31st year of teaching dance, Mary Ann, owner of the **Mary Ann Studio of Dance**, which holds classes in the Agawam Congregation Church on Main Street, and also at its studio on Boston Road, Springfield, still says that dancing is more than a way of life for her - it's a happiness and rhythmic spirit that she imparts to all her students.

Besides the technique and mastery she commands as a teacher, her intent and purpose is to share her love of dancing, and have all her students experience the joy of moving to music.

Mary Ann is a graduate of the Dancers Educators of America School in New York City where she received extensive training in methods of how to teach all phases of stage arts and ballet.

She then was tested and graduated from the DEA School, Ballroom Department, where she studied all the different methods of teaching social dancing.

Mary Ann danced professionally in Springfield and surrounding cities, and danced as a member of the Hal Sands Manhattan Rockettes. Mary Ann and many of her students have appeared on local television. She is chapter vice-president of National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists.

Mary Ann is a member of Dance Masters of America, Inc., Dance Educators of America, Inc., National Association of Dance Affiliated Artists, California, Professional Dance Teachers Association, and Dance Teachers Club of Connecticut.

She was recently honored by being presented a "Life Membership" to the Dance Educators and Dance Masters of America.

Mary Ann said she is very proud of her teaching staff, which includes her daughter, Lisa, who has been dancing "since she could walk, and has been teaching for 15 years."

Lisa is clinical manager for Re-Hab Associates, Maple Street, Springfield. She is a graduate of Boston University with a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy.

While in Boston, Lisa was a member of the Boston University Dance Company and Harvard University Repertory Theatre.

Mary Ann said all of her teachers have been with her studio for "a very long time," and all have been trained by Mary Ann personally. "These women are professional dancers. I want to emphasize this," said Mary Ann. "We have small classes and individual attention is given to all students. There are three teachers per class."

Mary Ann welcomes students to join in the fun, physical fitness, and performance. Her Agawam classes are now forming at 745 Main Street, Agawam Congregational Church. Call 782-4600.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.



IN ABOVE PHOTOS are students in the Mary Ann Studio of Dance. Pictured in the first photo are the "Petite Rockette Kickline Dancers; and in the second photo is Mary Ann's "Tiny Tots Class."

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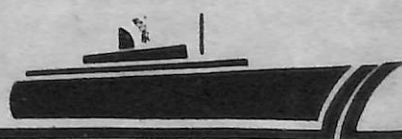
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PAC Council Slates Calendar Of Events

The Agawam Parent's Advisory Council will be holding an organizational meeting for the 1988-89 school year on September 21st, at 6:30 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High Cafeteria.

Parents and special education staff are invited to help set-up goals and objectives for the coming school year. This is an opportunity for parents and staff to work together in order to target areas of need in special education.

As you may or may not be aware of, recent regulation changes in Chapter 766 mandates the formation of PACs. The regulation reads as follows:

Each school district operating a special education program shall establish a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) on Special Education which shall include parents of children with special needs and other interested parties. School officials shall meet regularly with the PAC and the PAC may participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school committee's special education programs.

The School Committee shall involve the PAC in the development and review of its annual program plan under 501.0 of these regulations. The School Committee shall assist the PAC in carrying out its duties, without charge and upon reasonable notice and subject to the availability of staff and resources. (This regulation pertains to the LEA Plan).

Over the last three years the current PAC members have been actively involved in seeking out information pertaining to Special Education. These areas of involvement include the following:

a. Two members of the current PAC are members of the Regional Advisory Council where special education issues on a regional level are discussed with Department of Education representatives.

b. Three members have taken Parent Advocacy courses through the Federation for Children in Worcester, Massachusetts.

c. All current members have taken Basic Rights Courses.

d. Two members represented the Agawam PAC at a statewide conference in Worcester. At this conference, information from our PAC was shared to help facilitate formation of PACs statewide.

e. All members of the PAC recently attended the State Advisory Council-Federation for Children Conference on strengthening PACs.

f. Some PAC members are also members of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

g. The knowledge gained by attending these conferences has been utilized to assist parents individually and cooperatively in working with Special Ed Administration in targeting areas of concern.

Even with all the knowledge that the PAC has gained, it is not enough. They need parents and teachers. Informed parents and teachers are the richest education resource. Working together, they feel, can make a difference.

Please take the time to attend this first very important meeting to learn how you can help!

Note the following upcoming meetings. All of these meetings will be held at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria.

September 21st, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Informal meeting of PAC members, Special Ed Staff, and parents. Guest speakers is Dorothy Mulnar from the Department of Education.

October 19th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.—Craig Jurgensen will explain our role in developing the LEA Plan and what impact it has on your child.

November 9th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.—Mr. Brosnan, Agawam Special Education Director, will discuss the LEA Plan.

Please also be advised that the PAC has been invited to attend a combined RAC and PAC meeting to be held at East Longmeadow High School on October 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker at this meeting will be Associate Commissioner Dr. Mary-Beth Fafard. Dr. Fafard will speak about Special Education in Massachusetts.

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Pioneer Valley Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America invites boys and their families on Tuesday, September 13th, to come and find out what Cub Scouting is all about, and register to join one of the following troops.

Pack 75: September 13th, at 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church Hall. Contact John Hallbauer, 786-2309.

Pack 77: September 12th, at 7:00 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. Contact Thomas Stapleton, 789-2367.

Pack 78: September 13th, 7:00 p.m., Polish American Club. Contact John Anzalotti, 786-1882.

Pack 85: September 13th, 7:00 p.m., United Methodist Church. Contact John Lavin, 786-9760.

Pack 89: September 13th, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Church, Feeding Hills. Contact Jeffrey Nolin, 733-3822.

The Pioneer Valley Council was chartered in 1921 to serve the youth of Hampden County with the Scouting Program. It is governed by a volunteer Executive Board and representatives of unit Chartered Partners.

There are several phases to the Scouting Program, which meet the changing needs of boys and young adults as they grow. They are:

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This is a program for first grade boys and an adult family member. Tiger Cubs and Partners follow the motto "Search, Discover, Share" as boys learn ideals such as personal fitness, reverence for God, love of country, and respect for others. This program also works to strengthen the bond in the entire family

through various activities.

CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting is a year-round, home-centered program used by Chartered Organizations which emphasizes involvement between boys and their parents, adult leaders, and friends. This program helps to develop peer relations, a sense of personal achievement, new interests and skills, and improves family understanding in boys in Grades 2 through 5.

BOY SCOUTING

Boy Scouting is for boys graduated from the fifth grade to the age of 18 and is designed to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance, have personal values based on belief in God and country; have the desire and skills to help others; have a keen respect for the beliefs and rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society. Much of this takes place as part of a comprehensive outdoor program where young men learn teamwork and leadership.

EXPLORING

Exploring is the young adult program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women aged 14 through 20. The program is chartered to local community organizations such as businesses, industries, churches, and civic groups to match the interests of youth with the resources of organization, and balances six activity areas; career, social, service, citizenship, fitness, and outdoor program.

Children's Programs At Public Library

Parents and grandparents of Agawam pre-schoolers ages 2½ to 4 are cordially invited to bring your youngsters to participate in the Agawam Public Library fall session of "Parent and Child Together" storytimes.

A choice of four different times are available beginning Wednesday, September 21, at 10 or 11 a.m., or Thursday, September 22, at 10 or 11 a.m.

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culminate in creating a craft to bring home.

These programs are offered to help introduce literature to young children, and to show parents the wide variety of books, games, puzzles, and quality videos available to borrow from the Agawam Public Library at no cost.

Prepare to discover what a friendly, happy experience our library can be for your child by calling 789-1550 and registering for one of the series. Registration for each session is limited to 20, on a first come, first served basis.

Ag. Parks Dept. Has Nursery School Spots

The Agawam Parks/Recreation Department has a few openings in their nursery school (Perry Lane Nursery) for non-residents as well as residents beginning in September 1988.

Children who are three years-old by September 30th, 1988 are eligible to attend the Tuesday/Thursday session from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Tuition for the two day per week session is \$405, payable at \$45 per month. There are three openings still available.

Children who are four years-old by September 30th, 1988 may attend the Monday/Wednesday/Friday session from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. There are four openings

remaining. The morning session has been completely filled. Tuition for the three day per week session is \$540, payable at \$60 per month.

A nourishing snack will be provided daily to the nursery school children.

Registration is daily Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the parks/recreation office (located in the rear of the Agawam High School, lower driveway. Follow the signs).

If you have any questions or would like to visit the nursery school, please call the parks/recreation office, 786-0400, extension 456.

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CUSTODIAN BOB ROY is a familiar face at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DEBORAH DEPALMA is a veteran secretary of the Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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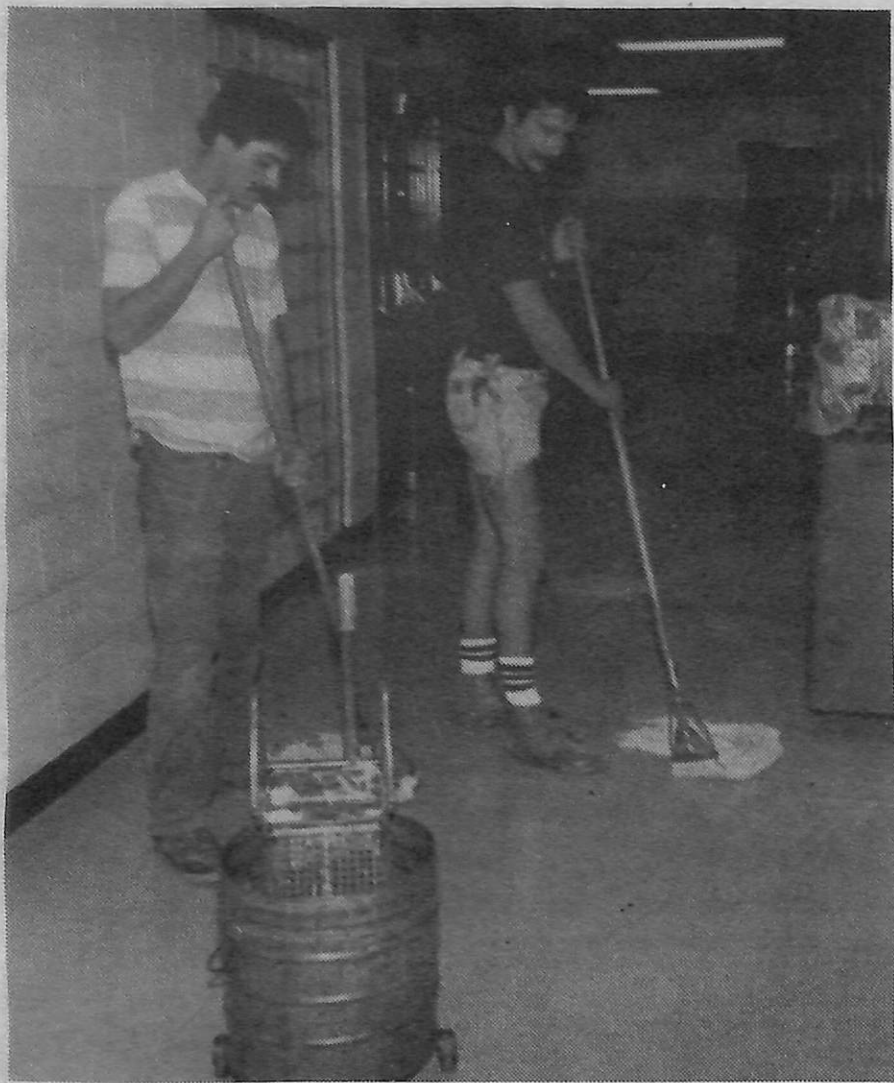
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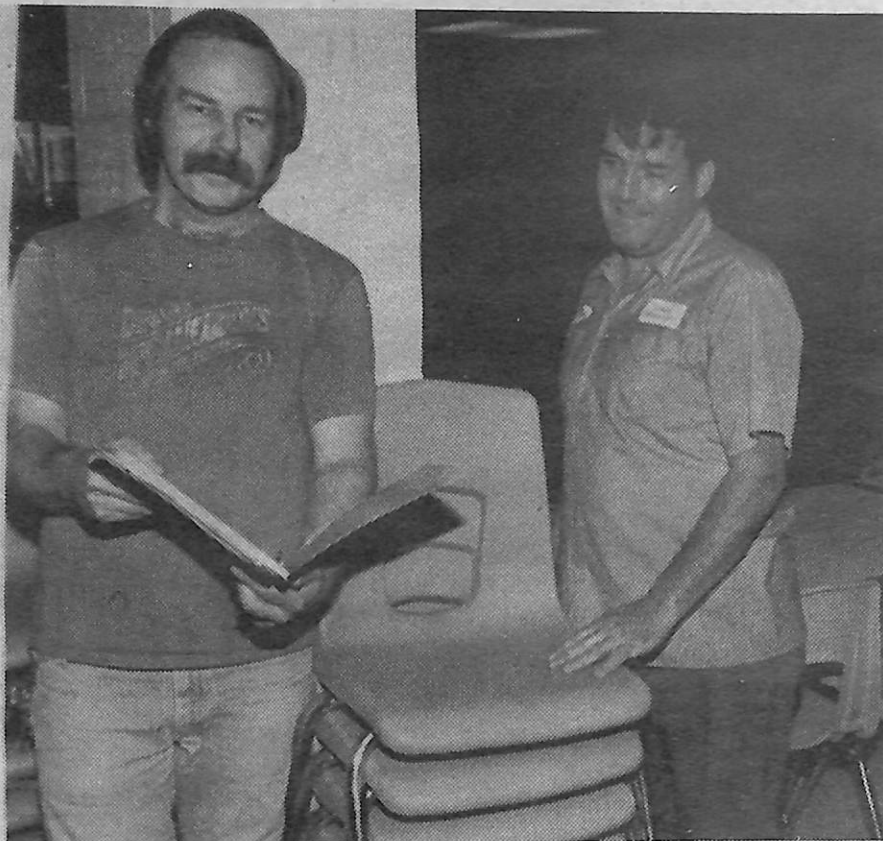
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CLARK SCHOOL CUSTODIANS Rick Allen and Mich Beauchane put the finishing touches on a hallway floor just before school opens. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAKING A LIST AND... Custodian Ross A. Wojcik keeps a check-list of all the things needed to be done at the junior high as Tom Lockwood looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SCHOOL SECRETARY SANDY HOLLINGER couldn't believe all the paperwork that was needed to be done at Clark School before the opening of school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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OVER AT ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL, Ed Donald is kept busy with his daily chores. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GLORIA DIPIETRO is the long-time secretary at Phelps Elementary School.

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JOANNE BARNES is again returning as the secretary at Granger Elementary School.

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YOUNGSTERS at Phelps School are quite familiar with custodian Joe Gutowski.

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The Advertiser News offers good luck and best wishes for a successful school year to the many behind-the-scenes staff members who help the School Department function so well every year, and keep quality education alive in our community.



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Kids' & Adults' Courses Offered At Museum

The Springfield Science Museum is offering 11 science courses for children and four adult courses this fall. Walk-in registration for members of Springfield Library and Museums Association will be held Saturday, September 3rd, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at the Science Museum. Please bring your membership card.

Walk-in registration for non-members will be Sunday, September 4th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Courses for Children

Inside Out (ages 4-6) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) What's underneath your skin: In this course children will learn about their insides as they listen to their heart beat, examine x-rays, investigate bones and muscles, and find what makes them tick.

Autumn Fun (ages 4-6) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd (\$17 members; \$20, nonmembers) This fun-filled investigation of the autumn season will acquaint children with animals, plants and the changes they undergo. Participants will examine and compare trees, leaves and seeds; and learn the signs of the season.

Fur, Feathers & Scales (ages 4-6) Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., November 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) In this course children will discover the different types of animal coverings. Through a variety of hands-on activities, children will examine fur, feathers and scales; and the mammals, birds and reptiles that they belong to.

Dinosaurs Large & Small (ages 4-6) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) The world of dinosaurs will be explored through a variety of activities including games, crafts, stories, and a trip to Dinosaur Hall.

All About the Native Americans (ages 4-6) Morning and afternoon sessions, November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) What were the Native Americans really like? How did they meet their needs of food, clothing and shelter? Children will discover the answers while they explore the Museum's Native American Hall, play games and construct crafts.

Digging into Dinosaurs (ages 7-9) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) Dinosaurs were in existence for over 140 million years. Participants will dig

into the past and survey the amazingly successful reign of the dinosaur. Through the use of fossil bones and footprints, students will see how paleontologists reconstruct the world of the dinosaur.

Whales' Tales (ages 6-8) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) Explore the lives of whales from small dolphins to the largest animals that have ever lived! Students will become familiar with both the toothed and the baleen whales as they discover how whales have adapted to life in the sea.

Turtles, Tadpoles & Dragonflies! (ages 7-9) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) Come explore the array of life that inhabits ponds and wetlands. Pond lilies, fish, turtles, birds, frogs, and insects all share a watery world of wonder. Participants will discover the life cycle of the amphibians and water bugs from egg to larvae to adults, and follow the food web from simple to complex.

Digging the Past (ages 10-13) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd (\$17 members; \$20, nonmembers) Archeology in your own backyard! Investigate how people lived long ago and how archeologists reconstruct the past from collected archeological evidence. Students will learn of excavation techniques, collect clues, record observations, and compile data.

Getting in "Touch" with the Exploration Center (ages 5-10 accompanied by a parent) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., November 12th, 19th (\$20, members; \$24, nonmembers) The word is out about the Science Museum's exciting new Exploration Center! This course provides an opportunity for children and parents to learn together about this special participatory exhibit area. Participants will visit the Investigation Station, a unique resource room containing natural history collections, specimens, microscopes, activity boxes, field guides, and more.

Astronomy Adventures (ages 9-11) Meets 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (\$17, members; \$20, nonmembers) In this course students will learn about our solar system; our nearest star, the sun; the inner and outer planets; comets and meteoroids. Theories on how the universe began and how our solar system was formed will also be explored. In the Museum's Planetarium, participants will become acquainted with the constellations and set off on an adventure through space.

Courses for Adults

Mammal Taxidermy Meets 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (\$60, members; \$70 nonmembers; includes \$15 materials fee) How are the animals in a museum diorama made to appear so lifelike? In this course participants will find out, as award-winning taxidermist Thor Holbek gives the inside story. Students will work on individual projects as they learn to prepare a mammal. Participants will receive instruction on skinning, sculpting, and mounting the animal.

Southern New England Trees and Shrubs Meets 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., September 17th, 24th (\$15, members; \$18, nonmembers) Become familiar with both native and introduced woody plants in this area by seeing them in their natural habitat. Participants will visit several ecological communities, including a flood plain, oak forest and old field. Use of field guides will be demonstrated and herbarium specimens will be used to illustrate some species.

Dipper Full of Stars Meets 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, October 8th, 15th; Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., October 12th (\$15, members; \$18, nonmembers) This introduction to the beautiful autumn night sky will begin with a visit to the Seymour Planetarium for a special presentation on Mars. Mars, Saturn and many of the fall constellations will be visible during a suburban outdoor observing session with emphasis on equipment use and purchase. Mythology, folklore and astrology will be explored during the final class.

An Introduction to Create Nature Photography Meets 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., October 6th, 13th, 20th, plus two field sessions: Saturday, October 8th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; October 15th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (\$38, members; \$45, nonmembers) Explore the exquisite beauty of the natural world through your camera. Participants will be encouraged to discover their own style of taking photographs, with the emphasis on helping each individual transfer his or her own special vision to film. Carpooling to field sites is suggested. The second field trip will feature a multi-stop photographic excursion through the Berkshire Mountains. Each participant should own a 35mm camera with interchangeable lenses and have some familiarity with its use.

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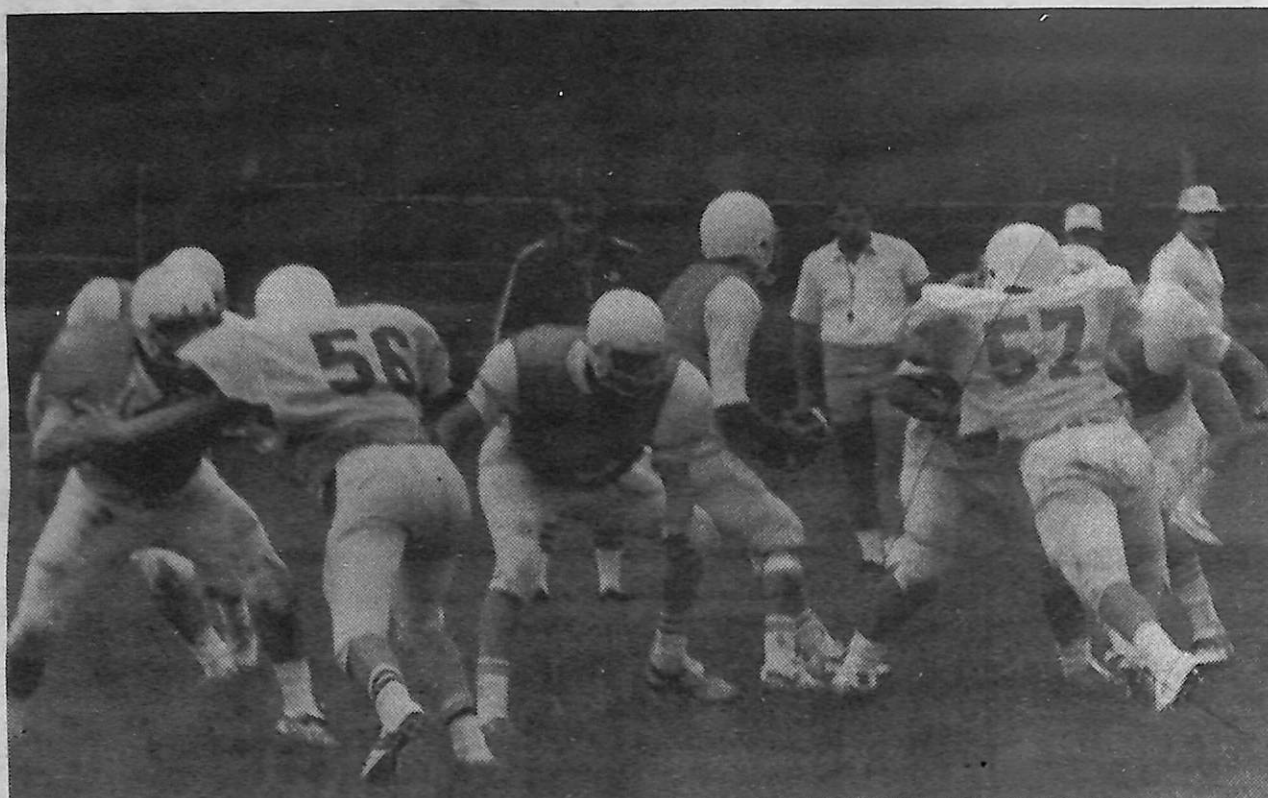
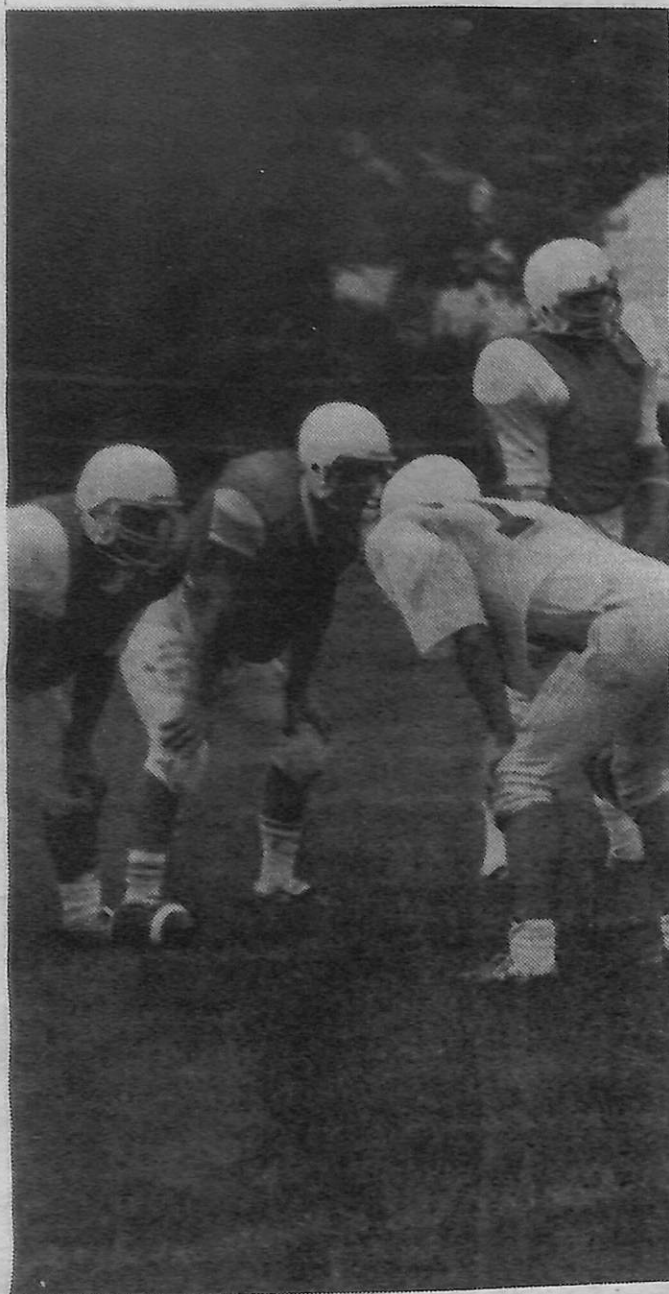
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Sports

Agawam High Football Holds First Scrimmage



THE AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY Football team, coming off last season's super 8-1-1 season held its first pre-season scrimmage vs. Palmer High last Saturday. Don't miss next week's AAN for a preview of the Brownies' 1988 season. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.

Casco Bay Trip Planned By West Side Rec. Dept.

The West Springfield Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its Saturday, September 24th, Family-A-Fare Trip to Casco Bay, Portland, Maine.

A local guide will join us to point out all the sites, followed by a delicious seafood dinner at the popular Cap'n Nevicks Lobster House. This feast includes two Maine lobsters, clam chowder, salad, potatoes, beverage, and dessert. Diners may substitute lobster salad, sirloin steak, fresh Maine seafood casserole, or baked stuffed shrimp.

Then on to Freeport, the home of L.L. Bean and many other interesting shops.

The special per person price of this trip is \$48.95, which includes transportation and dinner.

Departure from West Springfield is scheduled for 7:00 a.m., with arrival back in West Springfield, scheduled for 8:45 p.m.

Reservations may be made either in person, or by mail, to the West Springfield Recreation Department, 26 Central Street, 01089. Full payment must accompany all reservations.

Italian Open Golf Tourney Scheduled For Sept. 11th

On Sunday, September 11th, the Annual Italian Open Golf Tournament for Scleroderma research will take place at the Agawam Country Club, 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The field will be limited to 100 people. The cost per person will be \$25 which will include green fees, food, and refreshments on the golf course, 100 pounds of sausage grinders with pepper and onions on the first tee and at approximately 6:30 p.m., dinner at the Dante Club, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Gubby and Friends have booked 24 foursomes which leaves one foursome to go.

This tournament is a memorial to Ruth Borgatti who succumbed to this disease in 1973.

The committee has worked hard and diligently preparing the starting times and setting up this tournament to meet the satisfaction of each foursome. With only one foursome to go, you may call Gubby at 786-2834, or the Agawam Country Club, 786-2195.

Gubby and Friends would like to thank the Dante Club and *The Agawam Advertiser* for their cooperation.

Freedman Tennis Coming To Clay Courts At Forest Park

The Robert Freedman Memorial Greater Springfield Tournament offers something for everyone this year, including junior competition for the first time.

The popular season-ending tourney—set for September 15th-18th at the Forest Park clay courts—will have boys' and girls' singles divisions. Juniors, as always, are also eligible to enter adult divisions.

Other events include men's singles and doubles, men's 45 singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed A and B doubles.

In recent years the tournament has boasted illustrious champions such as Tim Mayotte, currently seeded number-nine at the U.S. Open, former pro tour player Chris Mayotte, Val Wilder and Charlie Maher, ranked number-one in New England men's singles for 1987.

Last year Longmeadow power-hitter Steve Griffin, a two-time Big East Conference champion at Boston College, beat Bob Garfield for the men's title and was also victorious in the doubles.

One round of the men's singles and junior singles events will be played on Thursday and Friday starting at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. All other events start either Saturday morning or early afternoon. Spaulding Sports Worldwide of Chicopee is sponsoring the tournament. All entrants will receive a free Spaulding t-shirt, and a top-of-the-line Spaulding racket will be awarded to the men's and women's player exhibiting the best sportsmanship. The winners and runnersup in all events receive handsome trophies.

The entry fee is \$12 for singles and \$20 per team for doubles; and players are allowed to enter a maximum of two events. Entry forms are available at the Forest Park Tennis House and area tennis clubs.

For more information, contact tourney chairwoman Ginnie Nossal, 525-3022 after 5:00 p.m., or Paul Fein, 786-2034.

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Young Linksters...



LOCAL LINKSTERS SHOWING their form at Oak Ridge Country Club last week included Christian Amoral, Daryl Amoral, Mike Ritchie, Tina Ritchie, and Tom Steanian. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Parks Dept. Organizing Over 25 Soccer League

The Agawam Recreation Department will be trying to organize an "over 25" recreational soccer league for this coming season. Both men and women are encouraged to sign-up.

All interested persons must be 25 years-old by December 31st, 1988.

The Recreation Department will accept total teams or individuals who wish to sign-up and be placed on a team.

Rick Trudell will serve as league commissioner and may be contacted at 789-0963.

For further information or to register, please contact the Agawam Recreation Department, 789-1400, extension 456.

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Bertera Golf Classic Slated For Oak Ridge Sept. 30th

The First Annual Bertera Golf Classic to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts—"the Christmas Seal People" will be held on Friday, September 30th, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills. Play will begin at 12:00 noon—Shotgun Start Scramble format and players may arrange their own foursomes.

A \$50 per person entry fee will include green fees, cart, prime rib dinner, and prizes. The field will be limited to the first 36 teams interested and all entries should be received by September 15th.

All profits from the entry fees will be matched by the Bertera owned group of automobile dealerships: Bertera Lincoln-Mercury, Inc., Superior Auto Sales of West Springfield, Inc., and Bertera Dodge, Inc.

Each participant will receive a starter kit of a package of tees from Westside Sports Shop, a sleeve of balls from Spaulding, and a towel commemorating the First Annual Bertera Golf Classic to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts.

Some of the prizes include a golf bag, head covers and a putter for the longest drive, and one for a yet-to-be-determined feat from Bertera. Teddy Bear Pools and Spas will give away a \$3,000 spa for a "hole-in-one" on the green of Teddy Bear's choice.

We would like to thank the following for sponsoring a green, tee, or donating their merchandise and services: Acme Auto Reconditioning, Health New England, Mama's Pizza, Riverlodge, Sebastian One Beauty Salon, and Woronoco Savings.

If you would like more information about how you can participate, please contact Jay Amaral, 734-4964; Russ Jennison, 568-3322; Ron LaGasse, 732-7199; or Jennifer Pickering, 737-3506, ALAWM Special Events coordinator.

Royal Stallions Coming To Big E Next Week

The Royal Lipizzan Stallions will enchant the crowds at The Big E, West Springfield, with their spectacular show featuring international riders and the famed equines which are known throughout the world for their dancing and prancing routines. This exciting equestrian show appears in The Big E's Coliseum, September 14th to 20th, at 2:00, 4:00, and 8:00 p.m., and is free.

Bred from the finest bloodlines from the Renaissance era including the Arabian, Andalusian and the Vilano, Lipizzans are world famous for their magnificent beauty and amazing performing skills. Because of their superb strength, coordination and superior intelligence, the stallions were once bred for battle, but are now trained extensively in classical horsemanship.

Among the highlights of the Royal Lipizzan Stallions' astounding performances are the "Airs above the Ground." The Lipizzans will captivate the audiences with feats of jump and balance such as the "Levade," the "Caprioles" and the breathtaking "Courbette," the most difficult maneuver of all because the horse balances on his hind legs and then jumps two to six times with his fore legs off the ground.

The Royal Lipizzan Stallion show is just one of the many events of The Big E's all-free entertainment lineup. There's lots more for everyone to enjoy.

Tennis Group To Continue To Play

The Town of Agawam tennis group will continue playing Saturdays and Sundays until it snows.

Now that vacations and the hot weather are things of the past, all members are welcomed to resume playing.

There will be a doubles tournament and picnic the first or second week in November. A member, to be eligible, must have played at least four times this year. Prizes will be awarded.

On behalf of the group, Jack Brennan (president) publicly thanks Jack Kunasek for his interest and excellent cooperation. Kunasek is the Recreation Director for the Town of Agawam.

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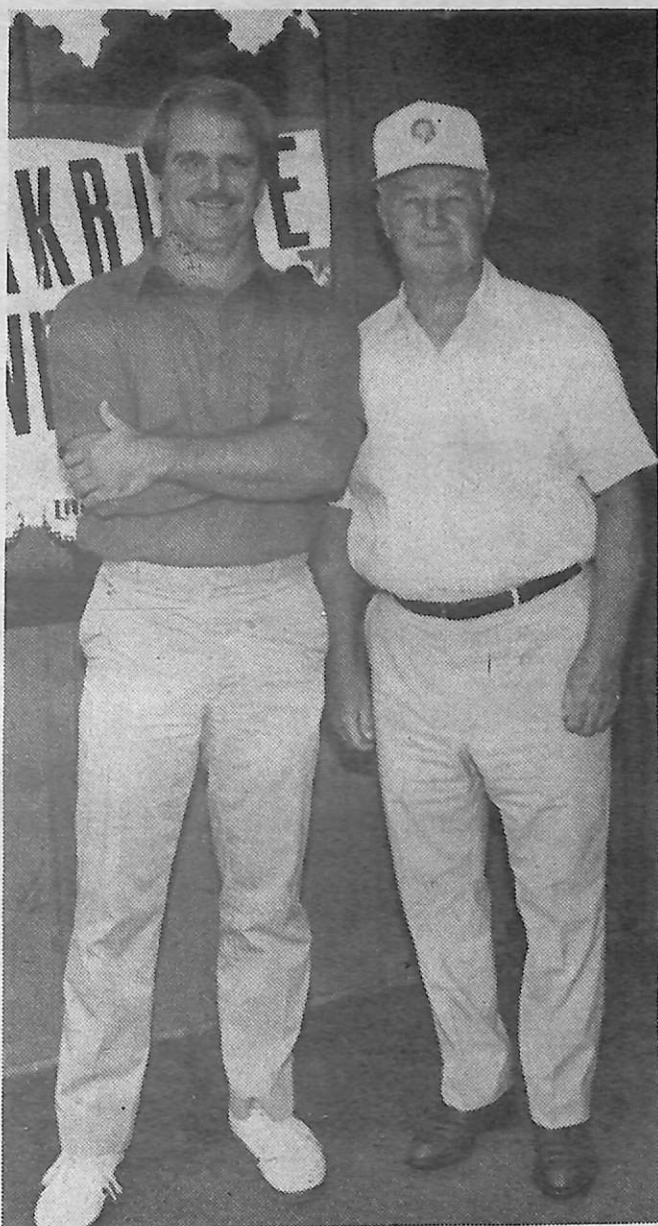
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District Attorney Ryan Holds Annual Golf Tourney



HAMPDEN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY Matthew Ryan (right) held his golf tournament at Oak Ridge Country Club last week. Here Ryan is pictured with Jeff Yelle.

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Flying Artists Coming To Big E During 12-Day Run

What do a pair of downhill skiers and a pair of gymnasts have in common?

Together they show off their skills in a thrill show of trick skiing and trampoline artistry known as Coors' Ramp and Tramp Flying Circus.

New to the United States, the act will appear in free shows daily at this year's 67th annual Big E, September 14th to 25th. Showtimes at their special stage outside of Mallory Arena are 12:00 noon, 2:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m., weekdays, and 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Troupe members Brett Brown, Ron Pellat, Paul Gadick, and Janette Brown, all world champion athletes, blend comedy, grace, and precision choreography into daring aerial maneuvers.

Trampolinist Brown describes the Canadian group's act in the following manner—"Thirty feet above is a contraption you've never seen before. Upon closer inspection you observe a man standing at the top! He pushes away and begins a descent down this unique apparatus on what appears to be downhill skis. As he approaches a curve in the ramp, there is a loud explosion and a cloud of smoke. The man is launched like a rocket. In the air, he spontaneously performs remarkable acrobatics which finish in a large stuntman's airbag. Landing safely on his feet, he salutes you."

Their tricks include back flips, blind-folded jumps, and a fire-torch leap. And, of course, no "flying circus" would be complete without a disruptive clown to initiate some comical disasters on the performing troupe.

Fully choreographed to today's Top 40 hits, each free performance of Coors' Ramp and Tramp Flying Circus will last for 20 minutes. The group is sponsored by Adolph Coors Company of Golden, Colorado.

This year's Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," is expected to attract more than one million fairgoers through its gates during its 12-day run, September 14th-25th.

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HELPING TO MAKE it a great day for District Attorney Matthew Ryan at Oak Ridge Country Club were, from left - Jeff Yelle, Tony Strycharz (owner), Megs Metzger, Diane Caroleo, and Mike Powers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM POLICE OFFICERS, from left - Richie Conlon, Jim Lewis, and Gerry O'Keefe joined with Pete Mutti at Oak Ridge Country Club last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Sportsman's Corner by Bill Chiba Outdoor Sports Writer

The water temperature was 64 degrees on the surface in Lake Ontario as we ventured forth, hoping to land a first prize King Salmon.

My wife, Edie, and I, had finally broke away from our daily routine and planned to stay for 10 days of fishing for salmon and steelheads during the Eslo Derby. Well, we picked the right time. The salmon were in and the fishing was excellent.

Because of the recent storms, the cold water had come into shore and brought the bait fish with it. Naturally, the big fish followed along, razing the large schools of bait ferociously. Most of the charter boats were fishing in water 90 feet (and deeper) and taking fish.

Edie wanted to fish with her fly rod. So to pacify her, I drove the boat into shallow water—20 feet deep. She had tied on her red mooselook wobbler lure. Suddenly, she yelled, "I got one on. It's a screamer (king salmon).

Turn the boat. Most of the line is off the reel."

Luckily, the fish ran out instead of in towards shore. What a battle. I caught-up to the racing demon and she was able to put line back on the reel before the next run. Suddenly, the fish came right up to the boat and underneath the bow—I threw the motor into reverse and backed off at an angle so that the line cleared the boat.

A big sigh of relief came from Edie and then a gasp of astonishment as the salmon came out of the water. "He must be four feet long. Did you see the size of it?" I nodded, "Keep the rod-up, let him fight the rod instead of the line." She only had six pound leader at the head of the lead core line.

Edie cleverly worked the large fish into the boat. I put the motor into neutral and grabbed the net. The fish decided to dive deeper and choose the back of the boat to do it, and tangled the line around the prop. I dropped the net, jumped over to cut the motor off, and lifted it up. "When I say now, let line off the reel and give me some slack," I advised.

She followed instructions to the letter. I was able to grab the slack line and unwind the snagged line from the prop. The fish continued to go deeper before stopping and letting himself be brought to the surface slowly, then he stubbornly kept out about 40 feet from the boat and swam alongside for at least 10 minutes before tiring, and finally Edie was able to bring him alongside so I could net it. The salmon weighed in at

24½ pounds and was 38 inches long.

The rest of the fish were taken on the downriggers. Edie held the fly rod in her hands the rest of the fishing time to no avail.

We had an excellent week of fishing. I caught seven salmon (King), the largest two going 27 pounds and the smallest 20 pounds. Two coho salmon weighing 10 and 11 pounds, respectively, which we released; two steelheads (rainbow trout) four and six pounds, which were put back to grow larger; and an eight-pound laker that went back into the lake. We kept nothing under 20 pounds.

The salmon are in on their migration trip to the rivers where they will go up to spawn. Now is the time to go fishing. We fished out of Sodus Point, New York. Some of the salmon are showing-up in the bay and within a week or so the fishing will be good there.

A friend, **Lou Rambo**, is an ardent bass fisherman. He was fishing in the vicinity of where Edie caught her salmon later on in the week and landed a 25 pound salmon on four-pound test line. Edie's battle lasted over 30 minutes and Lou's took twice that time.

If anybody told me that I would take a day off from fishing because my arms and legs ached from catching fish, I would have called them nuts. But I did. My arms ached from the strain of fighting the large fish.

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UNDER 14 GOALIE Chris Taylor intently watches as action is about to come his way. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TRAFFIC JAM - Paul Arnold of Agawam (on ground, left) fights for the ball in Labor Day Weekend Tournament action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LABOR DAY SOCCER OFFICIAL Jane Reid (director) is hard at work at the Annual Labor Day Weekend Soccer Jamboree sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association. The event kicks-off the soccer season in town. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PAT ARNOLD of Agawam heads a ball upfield during Labor Day Weekend soccer action at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser

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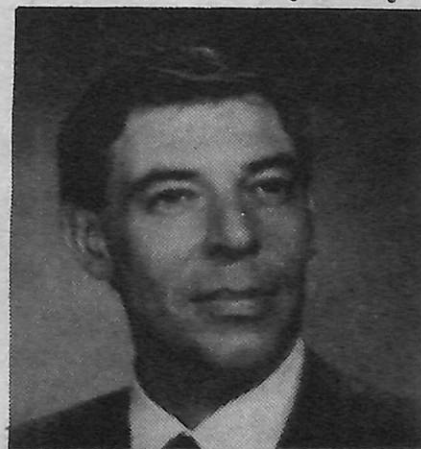
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Labor Day Soccer Jamboree - continued...



AGAWAM PLAYERS IN photos above, Keith Daubmann (first photo - left) battles an Amherst, New Hampshire player for the ball; in second photo Jamie Pliska of Agawam retreats (right) as an Amherst, New Hampshire player is on the ball. The Annual Labor Day Weekend Soccer Jamboree was again held at Harmon Smith Field, and was sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION player Brian Chechile (left) watches at Carmine Battista moves in on the ball in action last Saturday at Harmon Smith Field.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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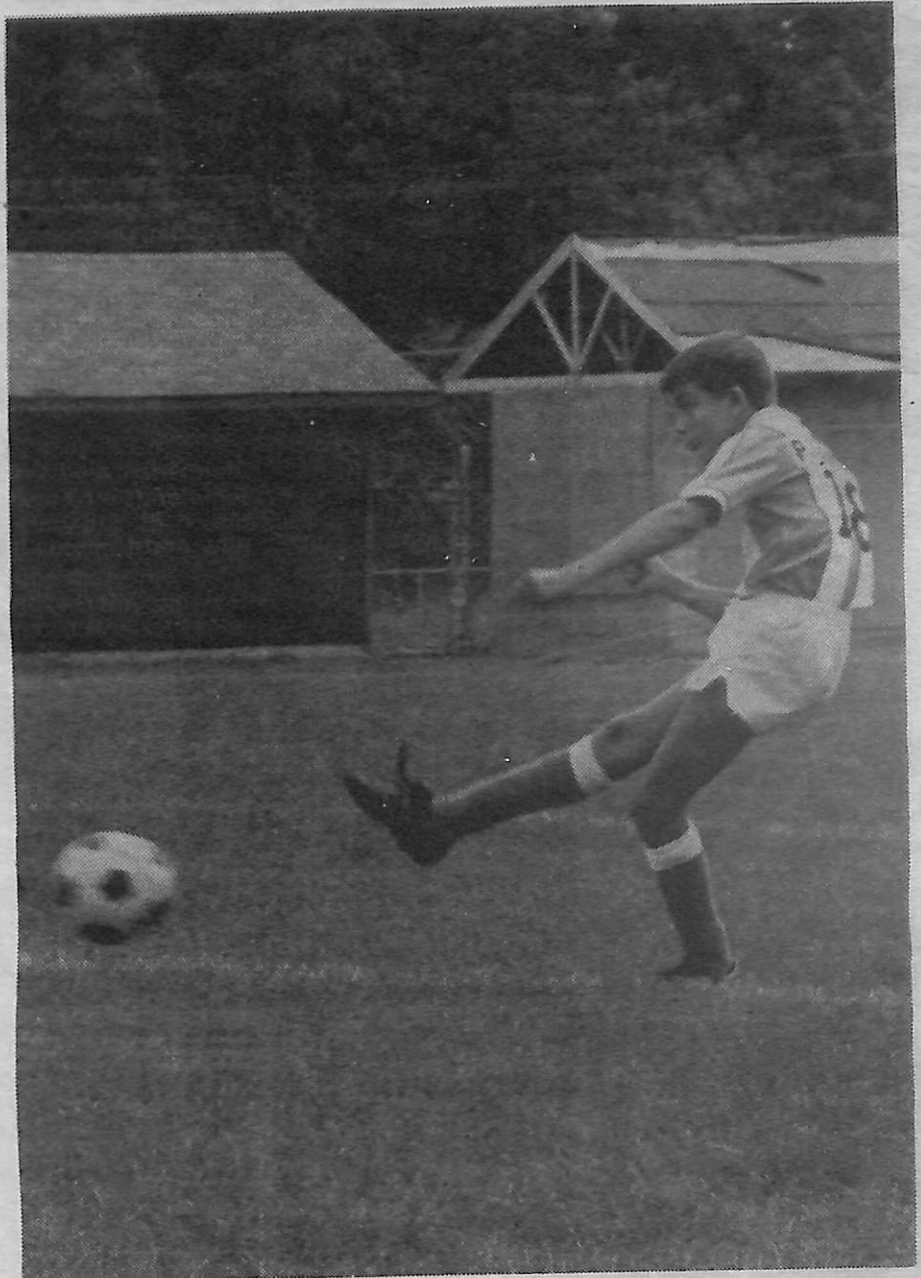
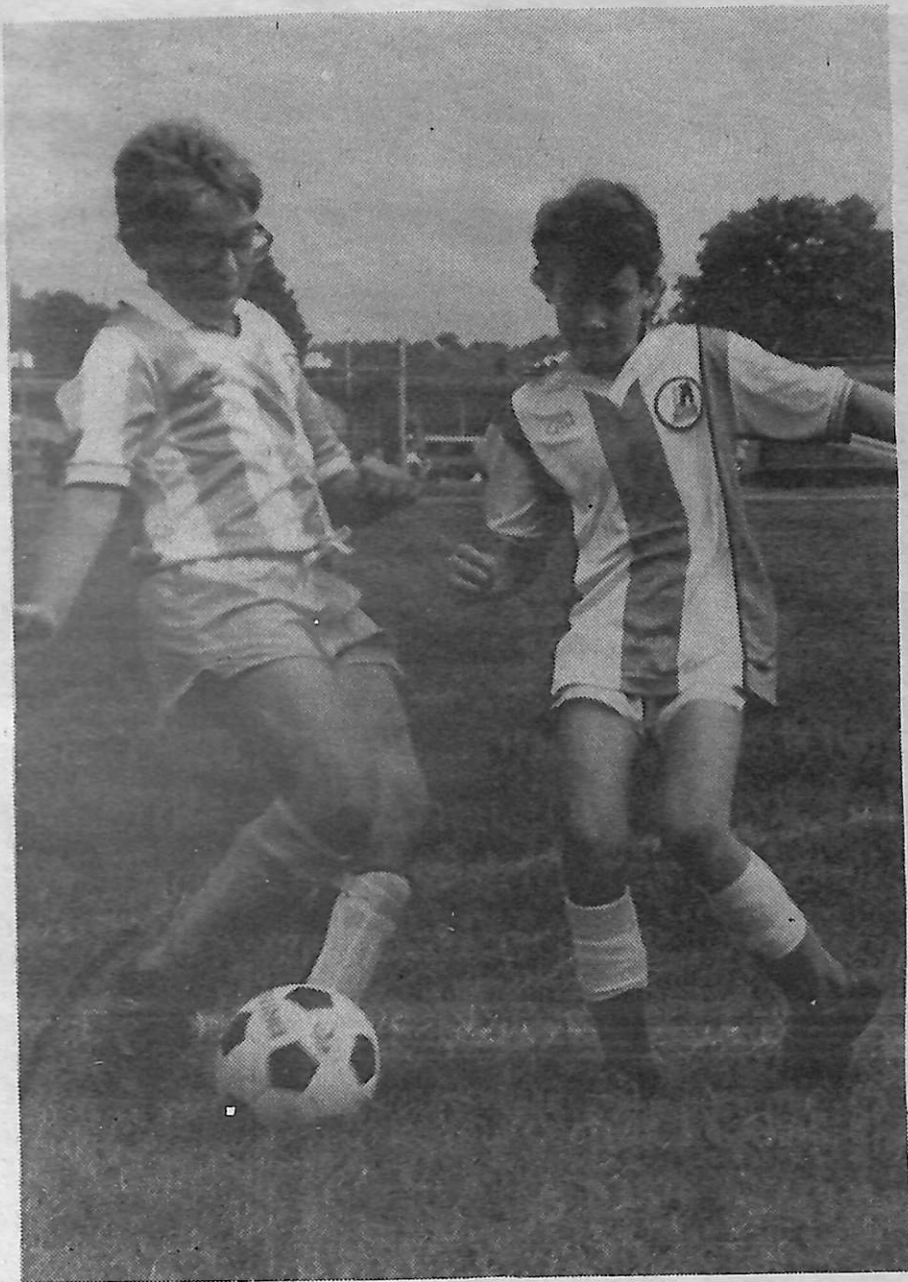
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THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION sent some tough performers into its Annual Labor Day Weekend Soccer Jamboree at Harmon Smith Field. In photo right, Agawam's Jamie Pliska (right) battles Amherst, New Hampshire, player for the ball; in photo left, Pat Arnold smashes the ball upfield for his team. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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September 16th: Northampton, Away, 7:30*
September 23rd: Amherst, Home, 7:30*
September 30th: Holyoke, Away, 7:00*
October 7th: Central, Home, 7:30*
October 15th: Minnechaug, Home, 1:30 p.m.
October 21st: Chicopee Comp, Away, 7:00*
October 28th: Cathedral, Home, 7:00*
November 11th: Westfield, Home, 6:00*
November 24th: West Springfield, Away,
10:00 a.m.

*Denotes night game.

JV Football Site - High School

September 17th: Northampton, Away, 10:00*
September 24th: Amherst, Home, 10:00*
October 1st: Holyoke, Away, 10:00*
October 8th: Central, Home, 10:00*
October 17th: Minnechaug, Home, 3:30 p.m.
October 22nd: Chicopee Comp., Away
10:00*
October 31st: Cathedral, Home, 3:00 p.m.
November 14th: Westfield, Home, 3:00 p.m.

*Denotes morning game.

FROSH Football Site - Jr. High Time: 3:30 p.m.

September 16th: Northampton, Home
September 23rd: Amherst, Away
September 30: Holyoke, Home
October 7th: Westfield, Away
October 14th: Minnechaug, Away
October 21st: Chicopee Comp, Home
October 28th: Cathedral, Away

BOYS' Soccer Site - High School Time: 3:30 p.m.

September 13th: East Longmeadow, Home
September 15th: West Springfield, Home,
7:30 p.m.; JV, 6:00 p.m.
September 19th: Longmeadow, Home
September 24th: Ludlow, Away, 10:30 a.m.
September 27th: Minnechaug, Away
September 29th: Central, Home, 7:00 p.m.;
JV, 5:30 p.m.
October 5th: Amherst, Away
October 7th: Westfield, Away
October 11th: Chicopee Comp., Home
October 13th: Cathedral, Home
October 17th: Holyoke, Away
October 19th: Northampton, Away
October 21st: West Spfld., Away, 7:00 p.m.;
JV, 5:30 p.m.
October 25th: Chicopee, Home
October 27th: Ludlow, Home, 5:00 p.m., JV;
6:30 p.m., Varsity.

GIRLS' Soccer Site - High School Time - 3:30 p.m.

September 14th: Minnechaug, Home
September 16th: Northampton, Home
September 20th: Holyoke, Home, 7:30 p.m.;
JV, 6:00 p.m.
September 22nd: West Spfld., Away, 7:00
p.m.; JV, 5:30 p.m.
September 26th: East Longmeadow, Home
September 28th: Chicopee, Away
September 30th: Cathedral, Home
October 4th: Chicopee Comp., Away
October 6th: Ludlow, Home, 7:00 p.m.; JV,
5:30 p.m.
October 12th: Westfield, Away, 7:00 p.m.; JV,
5:30 p.m.
October 14th: Central, Home
October 18th: Minnechaug, Away
October 20th: Northampton, Away
October 22nd: West Spfld., Home, 6:30 p.m.;
JV, 5:00 p.m.
October 25th: Holyoke, Away
October 28th: East Longmeadow, Away

FROSH Soccer Site - Jr. High Time - 3:30 p.m.

September 13th: East Longmeadow, Away
September 15th: West Springfield, Home
September 19th: Longmeadow, Away

September 23rd: Ludlow, Home
September 27th: Minnechaug, Home
October 5th: Holyoke, Away
October 7th: Westfield, Home
October 11th: Chicopee Comp., Away, Alden-
ville Playground
October 13th: Longmeadow, Home
October 19th: Chicopee, Home
October 21st: West Springfield, Away
October 25th: Chicopee, Away
October 27th: Ludlow, Away
October 31st: Holyoke, Home, 3:00 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY Site - High School Time: 3:15 p.m.

September 14th: Southwick, Away
September 16th: Longmeadow, Away
September 20th: Minnechaug, Home
September 22nd: West Springfield, Home
September 23rd: Holyoke, Home
September 26th: Westfield, Away, 7:00 p.m.,
varsity only
September 28th: East Longmeadow, Home
September 30th: South Hadley, Away
October 3rd: Holyoke, Away
October 5th: Southwick, Home, 7:00 p.m.; JV,
5:30 p.m.
October 12th: Longmeadow, Home
October 14th: Minnechaug, Away
October 18th: West Springfield, Away
October 20th: Westfield, Home

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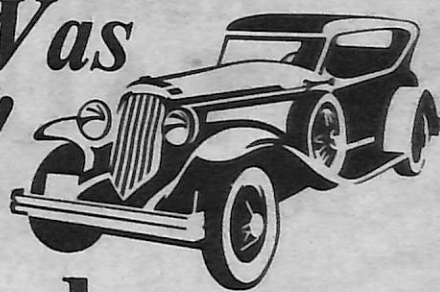
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October 25th: East Longmeadow, Away
October 27th: Mohawk, Home

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Site - High School
Time: 5:00 p.m.

September 16th: Central, Home
September 20th: Holyoke, Home
September 23rd: East Longmeadow, Away
September 27th: Wahconah, Home
September 30th: Gateway, Away
October 4th: Chicopee Comp., Home
October 7th: Hampshire, Away
October 11th: Central, Away
October 13th: Holyoke, Away
October 17th: East Longmeadow, Home, 7:00 p.m.
October 21st: Wahconah, Away, 6:15 p.m.
October 24th: Gateway, Home
October 27th: Chicopee Comp., Away
November 1st: Hampshire, Home
November 10th: Individuals, 7:00 p.m.
November 12th: Team B, 11:00 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Site - High School
Time: 3:45 p.m.

September 13th: Putnam, Home
September 16th: Minnechaug, Home
September 19th: Holyoke, Away
September 23rd: Chicopee Comp., Away
September 26th: Central, Home
September 30th: Amherst, Away
October 3rd: West Springfield, Home
October 7th: East Longmeadow, Away
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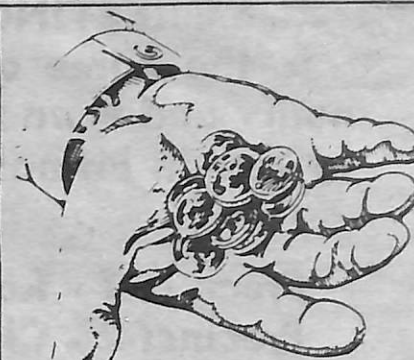
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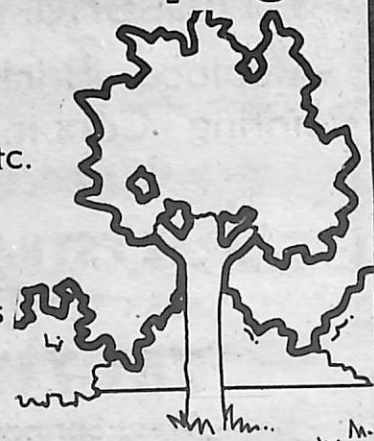
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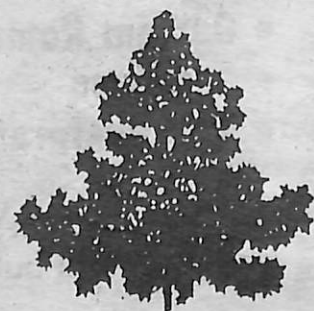


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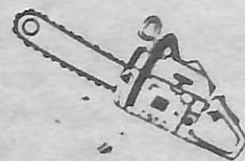
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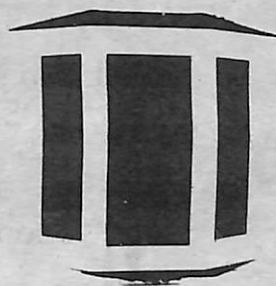
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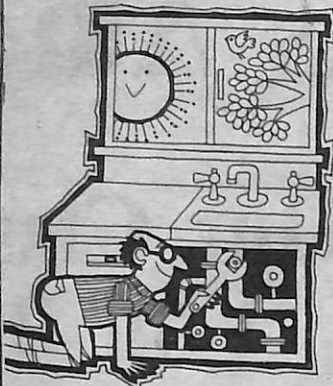
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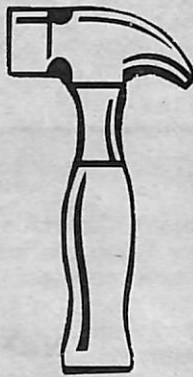
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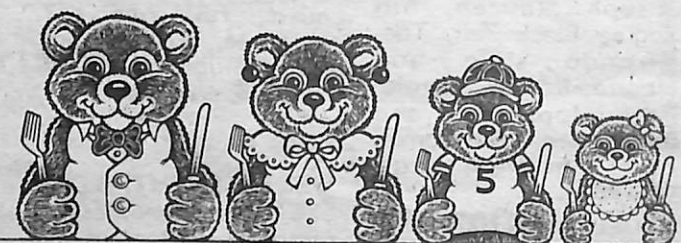
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